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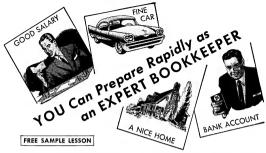
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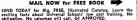
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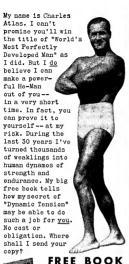
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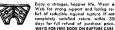


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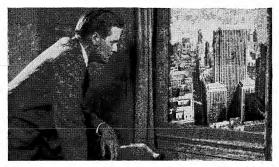
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L. F. SMITH





Yard Gun

Made this cannon from the Apr. '60 S&M plans for the centennial model Civil War Parrott Rifle. Your plan was scaled ¾-in.

Have always wanted one for decoration in my yard, so I used your plans, but made mine 3%-in. to the foot.

Route 2 Petoskey, Michigan

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Bearcat Builder

Here is a picture of the Stutz Bearcat built from your Craft Print 280. Am enclosing my order for another Craft Print 280. 9422 N. E. 14th St. F. SCHMITZ

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is 32 mph with two aboard. With my wife, our five children and myself aboard she does 26 mph. I intend to build Sea Babe cabin cruiser, as soon as the new Carlyle Lake is finished. Enclosed is an order for Craft Print 298, (Sea Roore), 233 (Loun Furniture) and 298 for my comparation of the control of the

Carlyle, Illinois

Sounds as if there are no idlers in your family, Maury. We'd like to see close-up photos of each of these projects when they're completed.

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April '60 S&M excellent. Like construction articles. Keep up the good work.
1438 Cullom Ave. R. M. Schultz Chicago 13, Ill.

Always thought your mag was tops in the field. Now you have outdone yourself—your April '60 issue was terrific.

Thave started the shop bench spot welder, and am eagerly awaiting the June issue so I can complete it. Keep the projects coming—I enjoy them all.

Calle Soledad 114 Pda. 17 JAMES C. SHELDON

Santurce, Puerto Rico

We want a good, closeup glossy photo of
that welder in action. Jim. as soon as you've

finished it. Tesla Coil Winner

With your Tesla Coil (Craft Print 191) I won first prize in our school Science Fair last year. To earn the money (about 865) I rake leaves and served papers. I used surplus capacitors which cost me 87.50. Not having a lathe to wind the secondary coil, I made one and, while I turned the crank, my father fed the wire on the Plexiglas tube. In order to count each winding we put an arm on the end of the tube. Each time it turned it would



move a disc numbered from 1 to 10. Each time the disc made one complete turn we would turn another one that was in tens to 100. When that went around 18 times we had 1800 turns. This took about 10 hours to wind. To make the entire coil took about 60 hours. This wear 1 am going to make the renulsion

coil (Craft Print #227). 837 Quinton Ave. ROBERT WOLFF

Trenton 9, N. J.

Your prize was well earned, Bob. Good luck on this year's project. If you can add one original experiment to your repulsion coil project, the judges should be mightily impressed.

Taller Wheelhouse

I made one major change in this See Hawk (Craft Print 282). I'm 5 ft. 11 in. so I raised the wheelhouse height 5 in. which allows me to stand straight under it. To keep the same proportions and slope on the windshield, I extended the bow-deck length about 13 in.

Complete with 78 Mercury motor and



equipment, the boat weight is a little over 2,000 lbs. I have no trouble getting 30 mph with four people aboard and can cruise at 24 to 25 mph at % throttle. With eight or nine aboard, have no difficulty putting boat up on plane, but would have to run wideopen to get about 25 mph. On a fishing trip was surprised to find I could idle that big Merc slow enough to troil.

Steering response is very good—many people won't believe it's a home-made boat. 416 E. Park Ave. CHARLES VON LANKEN Arthur, Illinois

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6943 N. Knox Ave. P. J. McKenna Chicago 46, Ill.

We've dissected the heat riser valve fairly thoroughly in recent articles. P. J., but we'll take another look at our coverage to see if we come up with a better job.

Slowed by Straticharging

On page 84. April '60 S&M, it states that a straticharged 1956 Chrysler New Yorker goes from 0-60 mph in 12 seconds. This is compared to 101/2 seconds for a conventional 1956 V8 Chrysler.

Is a straticharged car slower than one that is not straticharged? KEN GREENBERG

1613 W. Albion Chicago 26, Ill.

Yes. To get better fuel economy and smogfree operation, some acceleration has been sacrificed. Those of you who wanted to get in touch with inventor Ralph M. Heintz can write him at Box 546, Los Gatos, Calif.

Parts for Miniature Tape Recorder

I would like to express how much I enjoy reading your magazine-one of the few that still provides projects to build and helpful hints. Most of the others have turned into "what's new" and new car manuals.

Since I am a pilot I especially want to congratulate you on your well-written articles

in test flying the new planes.

I have been searching for just such a project as your portable tape recorder blueprint (Apr. '60 S&M) ever since I saw the small tape recorders in Japan three years ago. But I did not feel I could afford \$140 for one. I am now in the process of obtaining the necessary parts for building the tape recorder. Not being learned in electronics I have encountered some problems in acquiring the necessary parts. IISAE

1/Lt. Billy M. Washam Box 4145, 1709TTS Tinker AFB, Okla.

For those of you who have had trouble obtaining parts for the tape recorder. Allied Radio Corp., 100 N. Western Ave., Chicago 80, Ill. and Newark Electric Co., 223 W. Madison St., Chicago 6, Ill. stock the electronic components. Thomson Industries, Inc., Manhasset, N. Y. make the Nyliner bearings which are sold through local bearing supply houses. Wilson's of Cleveland, 6502 16th St.,



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N. W., Fort Lauderdale, Fla. sells the Model 6-100 6-volt motor for around \$2.50 through the catalog, or directly through local toy and hobby shops.

As we write this, we have yet to receive that prize-winning first photo of a tape recorder built from our plans. So if you hurry, you may still win the \$25.

Bell Ringer

In your April issue (Page 216) you have a picture of a cat and its private entrance (and



exit) from the house, built by R. S. Dart. He should have trained Tabby to ring a bell for this kind of service! Enclosed is photo of

R. D. 2 GEORGE M. WARD

Canandaigua, N. Y.

That's a well organized cat you have. George. But we still like Author Dart's solution for cats who keep late hours.

Fold-Up Trailer Queries

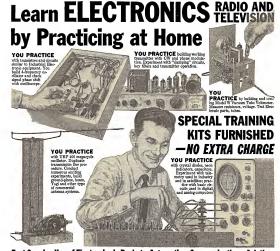
Would like to commend your staff on a very excellent April 1960 issue. The chord organ and camping trailer plans were especially interesting. However, I am curious to know how the trailer held together for 10,000 miles of vacation travel without springs. 316 S. Hamline Ave. RICHARD K. PARR St. Paul 5. Minn.

What is the weight of the fold-up vacation trailer (Apr. '60, S&M) completely built? 518 W. Mahoning St. Peter J. Skoff Punxsutawney. Pa.

With the no spring-soft tire arrangement, would think the trailer would roll hard, causing the car to lug and upping gas consumption considerably. Don't the underinflated tires soon break down . . . ?

R. D. 2 DAVID L. OSTRANDER Jamestown, N. Y.

Author Troolin reports that his 1200-pound trailer has run 10,000 miles on two used 8-inch tires, and they still show little wear. Hauling the trailer reduced gas mileage by a not unreasonable 3.2 mpg. He has had no



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. . . I purchased Fuel Igniters more than five months ago and upon installing them in my car (a 1954 Cadillac Coupe) I immediately detected a continuous miss both in low and medium speeds. Took the car to my me-chanic to have same checked as to timing points etc. and he did so to factory specifications. The car continued missing and I returned them to the factory requesting my money back or a replacement with the plugs of my choice. After four and a half months I still haven't heard from the factory. . . . U. S. Post Office J. Blanco

Oceanview Br. Miami, Fla. I bought a set of fuel igniters. Checked

with compression, they fired better than AC's and a couple of other brands I tried. But that's as far as it went. Did not get any better mileage, vacuum reading, pick up or top speed.

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For those of you who came in late, we re-ported in the Aug. '59 S&M on the results of tests which matched sets of conventional Champion spark plugs against a set of Fuel Igniters and a set of Fire Injectors. There was no appreciable improvement in fuel economy using the more expensive Igniters and Injectors. Since that time, we have been running a set of three Champion plugs and three Fuel Igniters in a 1951 Ford Six, alternating the plugs between cylinders every 500 miles. After 3,900 miles of driving, both types of plugs are running clean, with no visible signs of wear, and the car has started, idled and run well at all speeds with no indications of consistent mis-firing.



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Colonel Fred P. Dollenberg

We were stuck in the busy mid-Manhattan street. Behind us the traffic piled bumper to bumper, horns screeching indignantly. The colonel leaned over to our cab driver. "What's wrong?" he asked.

The cabbie pointed with his cigarette to the car in front, "Look,"

We did. The car ahead of us - a shiny 1959 model-had stalled and the starter clattered endlessly with that empty metallic sound that you know in advance is not going to make the motor catch. Twisting the ignition key in helpless fury, the unfortunate motorist at the same time was exchanging uncomplimentary opinions with the drivers of the vehicles snarled behind him. At length he piled out of the car, wrenched at the hood, and looked fiercely at the inert engine. To no one in particular, but as though to vindicate himself to his tormenters, he shouted: "I just know it's those damned spark plugs. Only two thousand miles and already they're shot!"

Startled, I turned to my companion. "Colonel," I demanded, "is this a plant?" He stared back at me, then he got it and he began to laugh. So did I, in a moment, and there we were in this taxicab. stalled between skyscrapers and going no place. roaring as though we'd never stop.

Spark plugs! That was the joke. The Colonel and I were on our way to his downtown office where I was scheduled to interview him for a magazine story. The subject-spark plugs.

You see, Col. Fred Dollenberg is the inventor and manufacturer of a device which is designed to allow automobiles to run without spark plugs!

Later, sitting in his top floor office, with the drapes parted to reveal the exciting lower Manhattan skyline. I got a more leisurely look at the Colonel. I wondered and asked about his smashed nose - the war maybe? - and he smiled and said no, just an opposing tackle with a very hard head. Dollenberg was a star fullback at St. Joseph's in Philadelphia before he joined the Army Air Force as a pilot immediately after he got his degree as an engineer. After war was declared against Japan and Germany, he saw enough action to later receive the Inquirer Hero Award as Philadelphia's most decorated flyer, succeeding a similar award to Marine hero Al (Pride of the Marines) Schmid. He was one of the first to personally pilot Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Evidently there was considerable brilliance to this young fighter; he started the climb up to the brain brass, and some of the military manuals he was charged with preparing are still used by the Air Force. (Only part of this (Continued on next page)



"The spark plug was invented more than 40 years ago. For the last 20 years it has not been doing an adequate job. The U.S. Navy and Air Force knew this only too well. The Naval Bureau of Aeronautics cooperated with me by undertaking extensive, expensive testing to replace obsolete spark plugs with this new efficient type of fuel ignition. We were successful with the LS-702 - the aircraft predecessor of the present Lectra Fuel Igniter for automobiles. Today this extraordinary invention is replacing spark plugs in tens of thousands of automobiles throughout the country. By 1961 every car made will carry fuel igniters not spark plugs" . . . Col. Fred P. Dollenberg, USAF Res., from a speech at the Contad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, January 8, 1958.

did I drag out of Dollenberg. Indeed it was only through reading a newspaper file that I learned of the Colonel's outstanding combat record!)

It was while Dollenberg was in command of a task force of seasoned P-40 pilots that a grim incident took place which set the then Capt. Dollenberg off on his restless search for perfection. A young ace, coming in safe and sound from a mission where he had gone through murderous enemy fire, never made it to his safe but a few hundred vards away. He nosed a bit too low no engine power to get the plane up quickly and the trees that lay just short of the runway caught the plane and pilot and crashed both. Dollenberg was horrified at the accident and at the paralysis of fatalism that seemed to settle on the shoulders of officers and enlisted men alike in the face of a tragedy so senseless . . . After all, it seemed to say, it is true, isn't it, that more planes are lost through engine failure and other non-combat accidents than are brought down by the Japs? You had to expect such things - and accept them. . . . But Dollenberg couldn't accept it. Not when the cause of this type of

accident could be ripped out of the engine. "Plug failure?" I asked. He nodded, shortly. "This tragedy and others, too. Too many others, Did you know that spark plugs were invented more than 40 years ago for engines whose limit was 20 miles an hour? These very same spark plugs! And that in principle they haven't been changed an iota since? Can you imagine a 2000 horsenower motor depending for ignition on a skinny little spark that had been intended to help Grandpa toot around the square on a Sunday afternoon? Well, that's what these boys had under their P-40 hoods." The accident had started him off on his search, I supposed, and again he nodded, It hadn't been an easy journey. Apathy, defeatism-a young enthusiasm will always encounter these. I've done many success interviews, and it's a rare success that has been a joyride. Dollenberg spent long hours off duty working on the problem of the antiquated spark plug, but when the war ended he still hadn't cracked it. Returning to a young wife and family the Colonel organized a nonscheduled commercial airline and operated it for 3 million miles, even introducing gliders for the first time in commercial aviation.

If it hadn't been for some weight throwing on the part of one of the larger airlines which had begun to smart under the irritating competition it was getting from the Dollenberg outfit, but young man would undoubtedly have succeeded in commercial aviation and this particular succeeded in the particular succeeding the particular succeeding the young the particular succeeding the particular succeeding the been written. But as it was, Dollenberg was forced out of business on the sort



technicality that somehow seems always to crop out against the small business, not the big. He had to sell.

Well, there he was—with a little money left from the debacle, a family, and a living to make for them. He turned his attention once more to the anachronism of modern engines—the spark plug. Starting again from scratch, he reviewed the problem.

"It's really quite simple," said Oct, Dollenberg, "An engine provides power for a vehicle because gasoline, sprayed into the cylinder, is ignited by a spark. When ignited the gasoline burns pushing the piston down into the cylinder. The more complete the burning of the gas the more force in the cylinder. The more force, the more power. Obviously, therefore, the larger the spark the more gas ignited and burned. What we were after was a much larger soark, a bit, fat flame!"

"And the conventional spark plug can't provide

"No, it cannot. Every mechanic knows that."
"And the kid in the plane?"

"The P-40? What killed him was insufficient fire—a spark too skinny to ignite sufficient gas to give the engine instant power to climb up and over those trees."

"Why can't the spark plug give a fat spark?" I persisted.

The colonel spoke simply. "Because of its basic design. Every spark plug has an air gap – .025 to .035 of an inch – and the spark is no larger than the gap. No larger did I say? Only when the plugs are brand new is the spark even as large! Carbon forming immediately as the plug is put into use begins fouling, then running, the tip. The thin wire electrodes begin to wear away. The danger – and enormous expense – of this obsolete mechanism lies in these factors."

The answer to the spark plug was an igniter which had no airgap—which contained no wire electrodes—whose tip would not foul—which would not blow out even at the highest compression... which would nover need a replacement for the life of the engine.

Colonel Dollenberg went to Washington.

The Navy didn't accept him with open arms. The principle – fine! Let's see it work. And Dollenberg made it work. After the most exhaustive tests, he knew he was in. . . Out went the spark plugs. His LS-702 Prototype was approved for U. S. Navy high-compression engine use.

If that had been it, it still would have made a good story—the revolutionary change that a former fighter pilot had effected in military air-craft. But that wasn't all. Dollenberg turned to the field of automobiles.

For more than 40 years the old fashioned spark plug had been the standard gas igniter for every car made. During that time engine power had soared from less than 20 horse to more than 300. Every year the puny spark plug with its skinny little flame became less able to do its job. The new high compression engines were now burning out spark plugs in a few thousand miles of driving. In 1958 Americans paid more than 500 million dollars merely to replace wornout spark plugs. To provide what spark plugs could not do, the big oil companies began to produce super and then super-super gas - at super prices! Not only were car owners spending a huge sum for plugs each year - they were also spending a fortune in premium gas for the privilege of keeping spark plugs in their engines. And even at that they were not getting their money's worth, as the new cars they bought very soon became sluggish ones.

If ever there was a call for a modern, efficient ignition mechanism to go with the modern automobile, this was it. Dollenberg heard the call. He

marketed the LECTRA FUEL IGNITER!

There were problems. Little ones like designing the Aircraft igniter to the same size and shape as the conventional automobile spark plug it was to replace. And big ones such as getting a small voice heard in the towering wilderness of the Detroit automobile kingdom. Dollenberg was helped by the shrewdness of fleet operators whose business depended upon efficiency and economy. Taxicabs running triple-shift around the clock installed the Fuel Igniter and reported a 10-20% increased gas mileage per carl Truck owners followed suit—and then the motorist. In less than 12 months, sales of the Lectra Fuel Igniter 'zoomed into the million dollar strato-sphere!

I asked Dollenberg about the Lectra advertising claim that had jolted motorists all over the county. "Colonel, you've made the guarantee that LECTRA FUEL IGNITER will save a car owner \$100 a year or that you will take back the igniters and refund their money. How do you arrive at that one hundred dollars figure?"

"It's based on the average of 10,000 miles of driving in one year. First there will be a saving of from \$10 to \$12 a year in eliminating spark-plug cleaning, gapping, and adjusting at 5,000 miles, replacement at 10,000 miles."

"Does that mean that the Fuel Igniter will need no cleaning or replacing for a whole year?"

"It means that the Euel Igniter will never have to be cleaned or replaced! I mean that we guarantee that it will outlast the life of any carl Not only that: we are also guaranteeing that the Fuel Igniter will squeeze up to 6—maybe 8—more miles out of every gallon of gas purchased the first year and every year—or we will replace them free until they do. That's a saving of \$40 per year. And it will do this using regular gas—economy gas—not the super gas bought at such walloping prices. That means a saving of \$50 each year. And it ligniters will do this every year of the car's life—they improve with age. They never wear out!

As Dollenberg talked I drew up a chart. You can see it at the top of the next page.

I said to Dollenberg, "Colonel, to a person like myself—a guy who drives a car well but knows next to nothing about its mechanism — who's always felt the car runs better after it's had a wash — how will I know right away I've really got something after I've switched from spark plugs to Fuel Inniters?"

The Colonel twinkled at me in sympathy, "I've always felt it a pity they don't teach mechanics to all school children. I think I know just how you feel. Anyway - very seriously - please listen to this: The first time you press the starter after you've installed the Igniters (very simple - by the way), you'll hear and feel an instant clean throb and an immediate even roar of the engine. I tell you, you'll be astonished. Even on the coldest morning you'll get a thrill, listening to your engine kicking over instantly and then settling quickly into a smooth purr. As for stalling in traffic, like that fellow did this afternoon, that won't happen to you. Stalling is almost always traceable to a faulty spark—and the Igniter will not fault, Climbing and passing? Even a big





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325 horsepower car can and does falter on a hill or when it tries to pass if suddenly the spark plugs aren't burning sufficient gas. That won't happen to you. Instead you'll climb and pass more swiftly than you've ever known because you'll be hurning gas, not wasting it. You've heard about the simple exhaust test? Try it. First, with the spark plugs in place, let the engine idle and stuff a ball of white absorbent cotton into the mouth of the exhaust. It will come out soaking with unused gasoline. Then try it with Igniters replacing the plugs. The cotton ball will be almost dry. The gas burned instead of escaping through the exhaust. Or here's something else. Again with spark plugs in the car, go into gear - or in drive if you have an automatic transmission. Don't touch the accelerator. Now note how much the car moves forward - if at all. Then unscrew the plugs and replace the Igniters. If you stood still with spark plugs you'll move forward from 4 to 6 miles an hour with the Igniters while not touching the gas pedal! The gas that was required with spark plugs in your car merely to idle your motor without being able to move it forward, carries you forward up to six miles an hour with Igniters in the engine! One more final thing - with spark plugs a car must be looked over and adjusted several times a year. You know that from your own experience. But can you appreciate the concept of never, never having to remove or change spark plugs because you don't carry any? The concept of Fuel Igniters becoming permanent installations in your engine - for the life of your engine?

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"One last question: What about Detroit, Col.

Dollenberg? Do you feel you're fighting a cru-

sade?" · Dollenberg looked out of the window, out into the dusk of the city. There was a reflective quietness about him as he thought of his reply. Then he said: "No, we don't believe we're fighting the big spark plug manufacturers. Oh, there's bound to be a competitive fight soon because it's a matter of only a short time before these giants will all scrap their investments in the obsolete spark plug and turn to the manufacture of fuel igniters. Meanwhile - to put it quite candidly - there is, of course, that huge investment in stocks of spark plugs to liquidate and while the big fellows are attempting to unload, LECTRA will be booming along," The grin came out again as he said: "I hope they take their time about it. At the rate we're going we'll be big enough to take care of ourselves shortly."

I got up to go, convinced that Dollenberg's quiet confidence was well-founded. The product and the man were right for each other. Here's an incident which impressed me. A short time ago, LECTRA ran a mail order advertisement in the sober New York Times. One of the replies they got was from a gentleman in Pennsylvania who put it to LECTRA right on the line. Said the Pennsylvania man:

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So that's the story of The Big Fat Flame. I'm

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leaving a little space for a message from Col. the garage with my set of Fuel Igniters, I can't Dollenberg Meanwhile I'm on my way outside to wait to get rid of those spark plugs

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1959	Oldsmobile	17.1	20.3	18.7%	3.2
1955	Nash Rambler	20.0	27.6	38%	7.6
1954	Plymouth 6	22.2	26.0	17%	3.8
1955	Ford Fairlane	14.0	21.2	50%	7.2
1957	Chrysler Windsor	16.5	21.0	20%	3.5
1954	Oldsmobile 98	15.5	18.0	14%	2.5
1958	Pontiac	15.6	19.1	22.4%	3.5
1957	Dodge D-500	16.0	21.5	35%	5.5
1951	Buick Super	13.0	17.0	22%	4.0
1958	Chevrolet	16.9	23.8	40.8%	6.9
1956	Plymouth V8	16.0	20.0	25%	4.0
1955	Oldsmobile 98 (air-conditioned)	15.0	20.9	40%	6.0

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Question: What is so important about a person's ability to speak and write?

Answer: People judge you by the way you speak and write. Poor English weakens your self-confidence—handicaps you in your dealings with other people. Good English is absolutely necessary for getting ahead in business and social life. You can't win the respect and complete confidence of other persons without a sure command of good English.

Question: What do you mean by a "command of English"?

Answer: A command of English means you can express yourself clearly and easily without fear of embarrassment or making mistakes. It means you can write well, carry on a good conversation—also read rapidly and remember what you read. Good English can help you throw off self-doubts that may be holding you back.

Question: But isn't it necessary for a person to go to school in order to gain a command of good English? Answer: No, not any more. You can gain the ability to speak and write like a college graduate right in your own home—in only a few minutes each day.

Question: Is this something new?

Answer: Career Institute of Chicago has been helping people for many years. The Career Institute Method quickly shows you how to stop making embarrassing mistakes, enlarge your vocabulary, develop your writing ability, discover the "secrets" of interesting conversation.

Question: Does it really work?

Answer: Yes, beyond question.
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of letters, case histories and
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have used the Career Institute
Method to achieve amazing
success in their business lives

Question: Who are some of these people?

Answer: Almost anyone you can think of. The Career Institute Method is used by men and women of all ages. Some have attended college, others high school, and others only grade school. The method is used by business men and women, typists and secretaries, teachers, industrial workers, clerks, ministers, and public speakers, housewives, sales people, accountants, foremen, writers, foreign-born citizens, government and military personnel, retired people, and many others.

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Made of rust-proof metals and enameled in two colors, the sprinkler is priced at \$3.95 by W. R. Steele Co., Dept. SM, 7569 University Ave., La Mesa, Calif.

Variable-Pitch Prop Halves Trolling Speed



• Slow trolling is possible with the new models of the Multi-Pitch propeller, said to give a 9-14 or 10-15 in pitch range, depending on the type of motor. Low pitch gives the boatman a blade angle setting for maximum power while a high pitch gives greater speed or economy in cruising.

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Free-Standing Ranges with Appearance of Built-Ins



• New free-standing electric ranges which have a built-in look, yet are available either as ranges alone or with base cabinets have been announced by Frigidaire. The Flair model illustrated consists of a two-oven-plus-four-burner unit (\$560) on a companion cabinet (\$60). Because the oven doors move upward, they do not interfere with utensils on the range. Range itself acts as a drawer in that it fits completely into the cabinet when not in use and rolls partly out for two-burner use or all the way for four-burners.

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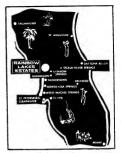
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moving to Florida for good—to really LIVE!
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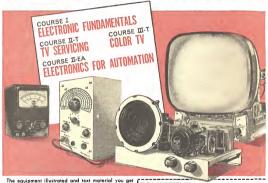
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A manned fueling station like that shown in the foreground of the drawing could increase the range or payload of space vehicles by as much as 10 times, according to a research scientist of Northrop Corp., Norair Division, Hawthorne, Calif. An airgulping powered satelite, the station would orbit in a region of

very thin air. It would accumulate air, lique fy and store it. Part of this air would power the satellite and part would be taken on by outbound space vehicles, says Dr. Sterge T. Demetriades. Used for propulsion, the air could be heated or ionized and accelerated with nuclear energy, or it could be used as an oxidizer for chemical rocket fuel.

Having troubles with your potted plants? Their health may depend on the direction in which you rotate them. A New Zealand researcher studied several types of plants—cyalenen, scarlet runner beans and oats—under fixed conditions of light, temperature and humidity and rotated them once a day. He found that a clockwise rotation inhibited growth, while counterlockwise turning stimulated it.

Some bituminous coal can be made harder by irradiating it by neutron and gamma ray bombardment. This might ultimately lead to production of a better coke, according to researchers at the Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C. The discovery could also lead to improvements in processes for changing coal to liquid fuels and chemicals.

Add hard liquor to the list of substances that might cause cancer. Dr. George S. Sharp, director of the Pasadena Tumor Institute, Pasadena, Calif., says 75% of oral cancer patients drink up to a half pint of hard liquor every day.

A newly patented airplane de-icing system survess wing ice by exploding it off. Pressurve-sensitive tape holds a miniaturized detonating cord to the leading edge of the wing. A detonating unit with an initiating cap at one end of the cord has wire leads to connect the cap into a detonating circuit, which can



be actuated from the cockpit. Herbert C. Johnson, Minneapolis, Minn., received Patent No. 2,930,554 for the system and assigned rights to the Air Force.

Want to be a full-fledged linguist? It would be harder than you think, since research shows there are more than 3500 languages which either are in use or have been used in some part of the world. The figures, compiled by Eric P. Hamp, associate professor of linguistics at the University of Chicago, do not include any of the many pidgin or creolized tongues.

How much will an attic fan cool your home? In tests conducted during a summer heat wave by Lau Blower Co., Dayton, Ohio, an average two-story house with a properly installed attic fan showed these temperatures:

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A new, indestructible standard for the meter soon may be adopted. It would define the meter in terms of the orange-red spectral line of light emitted from excited atoms of krypton 86. The meter would be 1,650,763.73 times the wavelength of the line. At present,



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Contrary to present belief, the radio waves coming from Jupiter might not be caused by volcanic eruptions. Dr. James W. Warwick says research at the University of Colorado's High Altitude Observatory, north of Boulder, Colo., indicates the planet has a magnetic field. The sporadic emissions are the result of collisions between this field and clouds of sos ejected from the sun, he suggests.

This new cathode ray tube—with 35,000 wire conductors embedded in its face plate—enables the high-speed electronic printing of up to 20,000 characters a second. The conductors (each only .001 of an inch in diameter) are shown in the insert greatly magnification.



fied. They serve to transfer an electrostatic charge from an electron beam to moving paper. Developed by Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y., the bulb can also be used to transmit facsimiles by microwave or wire systems.

Ever take a long airplane trip, then have trouble adjusting your eating and sleeping habits to the different day-night schedule? It's not just your imagination. Evidence points to the presence of chemical compounds within cells that somehow regulate your physical needs, such as the desire for sleep, says Dr. Charles F. Ehret, a scientist at Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, Ill. He is now studying one-cell animals called parameta

to learn more about this time clock mechanism.

Scientists have succeeded in duplicating in a test tube the reaction that nature uses inside a living cell to create the nitrogen compounds necessary for life. They have discovered a technique by which nitrogen-fixing chemicals can be separated from bacteria and made to perform their function outside the bacterial cell. Full understanding of the proceeding the compound of the proceeding the compound of the comp

Plant breeders corrching for discose-resistant plant material have an important near clue, thanks to discovery of substances in plants that determine their physiological susceptibility to discoses. A team of Federal state scientists has discovered that a protein of the globulin type found in a particular race of faz rust fungus also occurs in flax plants susceptible to the same fungus. Plants retain the protein continued to the continue of th

Highway researchers have come up with some findings that could save taxpayers a lot of money. A research project of the Johns-Manville Corp, New York, N. Y., has found that the addition of 2% to 3% asbestos fiber to asphalt results in a tougher road surface. If put into use, this might reduce road maintenance costs by hundreds of millions of dollars, savs the company.

And, repairs in concrete highways in California are now being made with plastics so strong that they hold even when the concrete itself breaks, says Bailey Tremper, supervising materials and research engineer for the California Division of Highways.

Higher tensile strengths result when silicone rubber is stretched, then irradiated with high energy electrons. This is probably due to the extensive rearrangement of boats within the rubber that occurs on irradiation, according to the General Electric Research Laboratory, Schenettady, N. Y.

Life on Earth began some three billion years ago, according to a new estimate by a Yale University geologist. Dr. Karl K. Turekian arrived at that figure by measuring the amount and rate of the radioactive gas Argon-40 that is released from the Earth's interior, along with water and some other chemicals. The first life forms were extremely simple, he theorizes, and didn't get complex—or have skeletons—until about 500,000 years ago.

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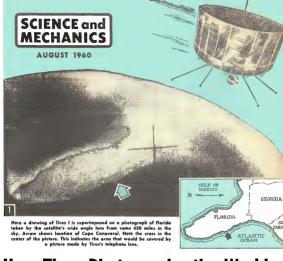
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How Tiros Photographs the World

The day of the high-flying spy plane may be over. America's camera-toting satellites will soon be ready to take over security reconnaissance work

By S. DAVID PURSGLOVE

S America's first military reconnaissance satellite already orbiting the earth?

Tiros I—launched in April—was called a "weather observation satellite." But it has disturbed top U. S. officials the way weather never could.

Nobody expected the camera-carrying Tiros to do more than demonstrate the feasi-

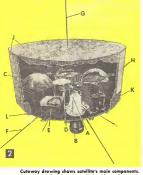
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bility of weather satellites (it actually has come up with significant, although not new, information about weather). But Tiros has embarrassingly done more for military spy satellites than it has for weather satellites.

Everything about Tiros worked perfectly, and the photo results, especially from a played-down telephoto camera, were far superior to anything the National Aeronauties and Space Administration had expected. The story of Tiros is thus one of success that was too good—of a job too well done. How Tiros Works. The 270-lb, satellite was

How Tires Works. The 270-lb. satellite was launched into orbit by a Thor-Able rocket. The drum-shaped Tiros has a 42-in. dia., is 19 in. high and carries two television cameras, each about 6 in. long and using half-inch

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(A) is ane af the TV cameras; (B) is wide-angle comero lens; (C) indicates tape recarders; (D) electronic timer; (E) TV transmitter; (F) transmitting ontennos; (G) receiving ontenno; (H) solar sensor to measure pasition af Tiros with respect to sun; (J) solar cells; (K) de-spin mechanism, and (L) spin-up rackets.

vidicon tubes. One is a wide angle camera, with an f/L. lens, that covers 800 miles on a side. The other is a telephoto camera, with an f/1.8 lens, that covers 80 miles on a side and has a 10 to 12 power telephoto effect over the wide angle camera.

Speed of the electrically operated focal plane shutters is .0015 second, slower than shutters used in high speed sports photography. The shutters make possible a series of still pictures that can be stored on tape for transmission to earth as Tiros approaches one of the

two ground command points. The recorders carry 400 ft. of tape at 50 ips. Erase heads located just behind the transmitter pickup enable the tape to be cleaned and ready for more recording as soon as the stored pictures are sent.

The pictures are sent to earth by 2-watt FM transmitters on the 200 mc band, a transmitter for each camera. Each camera also is coupled to an electronic clock that receives programming instructions from the ground. These tell the camera when it is to take its

pictures during the orbit following ground instructions. NASA says the clock for the telephoto camera failed temporarily, then corrected itself after a period of seventh weeks. During those weeks, however, the camera took pictures only when in range of the two ground stations (Fort Monmouth, N. J., and Keans Point. Hawaii).

Sear Cells for Power. Covering the satellite are more than 9,200 small rectangular solar cells to provide about 19 watts of power and to charge nickel-cadminus storage batteries so the satellite can operate when not in the sun. Four transmitting antennas extend below the satellite, and one receiving antenna is on too.

Although the infrared identification sensors from which Tiros gets part of its name (Television and InfraRed Observation Satellite) were not included in the satellite, it does contain small infrared units for locating the horizon. These detect the difference between earth temperature and space temperature and let Tiros know when its cameras are swinging over earth or pointing into space. This information is sent to the ground, where it is converted to spin axis attitude data by a punch-tape recorder. This data for each photograph helps locate the area shown in the picture.

Tiros contains a second direction and orientation device. This is a North indicator

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where rapid sun-angle computers process the information for display on a screen with the TV picture.

"Ye-Yo" Cut Spin. Tiros is stabilized in its orbit by spinning, like a gyroscope.
When the satellite was sep-

arated from the solid pro-

pellant third stage, it was spinning at about 136 rpm. This was deliberately done by small rockets mounted on a spinning plate so that Thros would follow a true path, just as a rifle bullet is spun for accuracy. However, pictures taken at 136 rpm would be blurred, so a de-spin mechanism slowed the satellite down to 12 rpm after orbit was accomplished. This mechanism proves that the key to genius often is simplicity. It was merely a cable with weights on the ends. The cable was wrapped around Tiros, and it operated



Drowing shaws Tiros's orbit, covering o belt from 50° N latitude to 50° S. Troveling about 18,000 mph, the satellite circles the earth obout once every 100 minutes.

TIROS-EYE-VIEW OF RUSSIAN LAKE

Tiros took this picture over Southern Russio's Lake Baykal. The image was made by the wide angle lans from an altitude of about 450 miles, on the satellite's 35th orbit. The picture was then transmitted to the Kaena Point, Haweil, ground station. Map shows location of the lake.





like a yo-yo; as it unwound, it reduced the spin speed of the satellite. It dropped away from Tiros when the desired spin rate was reached.

Although Tiros should not spin faster than 12 rpm for good pictures, it should not fall below 9 rpm or it will become unstable. When the satellite slowed down, however, as determined by ground measurements, NASA scientists signalled a set of small rockets to

fire, speeding up the spin rate. There are three such sets of rockets, each good for one correction.

Inside the satellite is the anti-wobble mechanism, a system of travelling weights that move along vertical rods—opposite to the direction of wobble—to absorb the energy of wobbling instead of letting the satellite absorb it.

Tiros has sent back to Washington, D. C., via the Army's Fort Monmouth, many pictures of the earth and its clouds. In fact, its cameras functioned so well that NASA had to speed up film processing to handle the volume.

In those photos made public so far, there is not enough detail to help military intelligence officers. Even the better telephoto pictures made after technicians learned how to adjust contrast on the faces of oscilloscopes from which they were photographing the pictures transmitted from Tiros may not contain the kind of detail that military planners hope to

This photo was taken by Tiros's telephoto comera before screen contrast was adjusted to give more clarity. The satellite was over the Gulf of St. Lawrence, looking west. The outline of the Gospe Peninsule is visible in the lower left.









The Red Seo and port of the Mediterraneon Sea are clearly shown in this Tires photo. The line reaching and upword from the Red Sea is the Suez Canal, and the black line to the River. Note the Red Sea is the Nile River. Note the crosslines indicating area that would be covered by a telephoto picture, which would show some features of Suez.





get from successors to Tiros. This fall, a more sophisticated satellite will go aloft, armed with a sensitive infrared sensor coupled to the photo system. Its photos not only will be much clearer and show more ground detail, but they also will classify objects on the basis of heat temission and absorption. Thin bands of roads and streams that look much alike will identify themselves.

Good Weatherman? Why all of this expensive, talent-consuming effort? What has Tiros accomplished so far? Actually, there is widespread disagreement among meteorologists and other scientists over the potential value of a weather satellite.

Mostly, Tiros has confirmed facts that we already knew. Its pictures of storms showed weather that already had been reported

from ground stations. But even this is somewhat in its favor. A storm pictured by Tiros from over New Caledonia had been known for a week before the satellite was launched. However. the results show that it was possible to com-mand Tiros to photograph a well-known storm so that weather researchers could learn which features in a photo correspond to specific conditions in a storm. After meteorologists do this often enough, they will be able to look at a satellite cloud cover photo and tell fairly accurately what the weather is like, even over unpopulated areas where they cannot obtain ground re-

However, clouds are not the only aspect of weather. Dr. Harry F. Wexler, director of meteorological research for the U.S. Weather Bureau, described to a press conference at NASA headquarters some of the weather conditions observed by Tiros up to that time.

He showed pictures of a large storm 120 miles east of Cape

Cod. He noted that at the same time dry cointimental air was streaming off the United States, and it was not shown by clouds. Consequently, this important aspect of that area's weather was not spotted by Tiros. That same day, Tiros spotted clouds that indicated a large storm over the Midwest. Weather rectance of the control of the the control of the control of

Clear Spot is Cold Air? But the fact that Tiros could not spot the cold air does not mean that it didn't show up in the Tiros pictures. On the contrary, after enough pictures have been correlated with known conditions, it is possible that meteorologists may be able to say that a clear spot on a cloudy picture indicates cold air. The absence of detail in a photograph sometimes may be more important than visible features. Dr. Wexler and other weathermen admit this still is conjecture, since the careful analysis of Tiros's pictures has just started.

But many Washington reporters are wondering why, if the weather bureau needs a satellite at all, NASA did not just send up an improved Vanguard (see P. 81, June '59 S&M). It is less expensive and longer-lasting than the bulky Tiros, whose electronic components have an operational lifetime of only several months.

Vanguard's pictures can show only clouds, rather than any land masses, highways, railroads and such. Its pictures, though, would provide meteorologists with all the cloud cover information they need all they can get from the costly Tiros.

On the other hand, visualize the kind of picture that Tiros's telephoto lens may have taken, compared to the wide angle photos in Figs. 1 and 4. Figure 5 shows a Tiros photo made with the narrow angle lens before the oscilloscope screen contrast was properly adjusted. If the improvement in clarity caused by adjustent is as good as the clarity improvement in the wide angle lens pictures, and the contrast of the

Nobody denies this will be possible with Tiros II and the later Nimbus weather satellite. Our military officials, indeed, hope it will be a foregone conclusion with the upcoming Samos Air Force recon satellite.

The only question remaining then, is: is the Tiros satellite already our first military spy in the sky?

Underground Silo for Minuteman ICBM





while a special crane loads another into its underground sila. Once in its sila, the missile requires very little maintenance, says the Air Farce. Automatic equipment indicates any malfunction in the missile or its ground support equipment, so it can be replaced with another.

THE Air Force has taken security wraps off its Minuteman ICBM and released this launch photo as well as the drawing showing the missile's underground silo.

The three-stage Minuteman has a speed of more than 15,000 mph and a range of more than 6,300 miles. Besides the silo launch sites, the missile will be deployed aboard

specially-designed railroad trains moving at random on the U. S. railroads.

Missiles launched in the current silo development tests are tethered by a heavy nylon cable to restrict their flight to a few hundred yards. In addition, the burning time of the solid propellant first-stage engine is restricted to only a few seconds.



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Within a few months you will be able to convert your boat to the exciting water-jet propulsion. Here's the exclusive story about the new experimental Hydrocket conversion unit

By JAMES JOSEPH

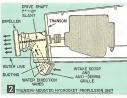
OON now-within a few months-you will be able to convert your boat to water-jet propulsion, boosting its speed and fuel economy.

What promises so exciting a conversion is a multi-nozzled impeller which, spinning in air instead of water, looks and behaves much like a whirling shower head.

Replacing your conventional propeller, it can convert your inboard or outboard to water-jet power, the thrust of its jet spray boosting your boat's top speed by a hefty 5 to 15 mph.

"And it should nearly double the top speed of some racing boats, particularly hydroplanes," confidently predicts a spokesman for big Aerojet-General Corp., of Azusa, Calif., the new jet system's developer.

The lightweight unit, called a Hydrocket, weighs less than 40 lbs. and consists of an impeller, ducting and a water intake scoop. It can be hung from your boat's transom like an outboard, installed inboard (driven by your present engine) or fitted to your out-



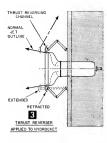
Drawing shaws transam-mounted Hydrocket, powered by canventional inboard engine. Engine provides spin to the impeller, while underwater intoke scoop odds rom pressure, increasing the unit's thrust. Aerojet found this scaap method for more efficient than flush-bottom intakes.

board motor, say Aerojet experts.

The result: rocket-like power and more speed than you ever imagined possible from your keel. Hydrocket literally leaps, fullthrottled, from standstill to top speed-in seconds.

It can, moreover, turn a boat in its own length—due in part to its powerful waterthrust which suffers but few of the slipstream and other losses common to waterbound props.

More important, Hydrocket's thrust efficiency at full throttle remains essentially unchanged through the entire forward speed range. By contrast, prop efficiency falls off considerably above about 25 mph due to



Reverse "jetavotor" diagram shows how simple, movoble aluminum orms deflect jetstreom downward and toward bow. In retracted position, the jetovotors do not cantoct water streom. Extended, they intercept and redirect the thrust.



Key to the water-jet conversion is the Hydrocket unit shown in 4A.

cavitation—the prop literally outrunning its water supply. At sizzling speeds, some hydroplane props manage but 10% to 20% efficiency. Hydrocket, at the same speeds, should retain fully 90%

boat forward.

of its thrust power.

How I Works. Hydrocket is simplicity itself: the fast-spinning (500 to 13,000 rpm) above-water impeller draws water through a scoop that extends a few inches below the keel (Fig. 2). The water is ejected at trendendous velocity—upwards of 65 mph—through a score of small holes, called nozzles, along the impeller's periphery. Thrust, created as the jet stream hurtles rearward rockets the

Jetavators—aluminum vanes which deflect the water stream—substitute for a rudder. They are controlled by your boat's wheel or tiller. Other deflectors, these with cup-shade appendages, shunt the jet stream downward and beneath the stern to put you in reverse (Fig. 3). Reverse is push-button controlled from the dash or by a shift-like handle.

Hydrocket's easy adaptability to any craft and its engine puts jet power within reach and within the budget—of America's 8 million boat owners.

Shaft-driven from your existing inboard engine, it simply bolts to the transom and is hung like an outboard motor. Half a dozen bolts and a single 4-in-dia. hole drilled through the transom (for the drive shaft) is all it takes for installation. It can almost as easily be installed inboard.

its impeller driven by an extension of your engine's shaft (Fig. 5). Mounted inboard, its water scoop projects from 3 to 5 in. beneath the keel while the fast-flying impeller juts aft, through a 4½-in. hole cut in the transom.

aft, through a 4½-in. hole cut in the transom. Conversion of existing outboards will be

Typical unit weighs between 30 and 40 lbs. and measures only bout 16 in long, including the drive sheft protrusion. Unit shown here is designed for inbeserd mounting. The 3-in impeller above in the state of the st

more complex. Even so, the trick can be accomplished by the more mechanically adept of boat owners. Substituted for your outboard motors "leg"—the below-motor section—is a Hydrocket leg which contains the water scoop, ducting, above-water impeller and a right-angle drive to your motor's power head (Fig. 6).

Three "Firsts" are Claimed by Aerojet for its Hydrocket:

• First lightweight, low-cost hydro thrust unit adaptable to any boat and its power plant.

 First water-jet proven both faster and more efficient than the propeller it replaces.
 It may prove, in fact, to be the fastest power package ever concocted for small boats.

 First jet unit keyed to a rotating impeller—the 9 to 11-in.-dia. spinning wheel which overcomes power losses inherent in more conventional water pumps and wrings maximum thrust from every gallon of water.

As you read this, Hydrocket prototypes, including a transom-hung unit powering Aerojet's new 17-ft.-long, 7-ft. beam threepoint hydroplane, are gunning for new overwater speed marks.

Says hydro-expert Calvin A. Gongwer, who as head of Aerojet's Anti-Submarine Warfare Division fathered Hydrocket:

"We expect our 17-ft. hydroplane, powered by a 220-hp engine with 225 cu. in. displacement, to better the existing speed record for that class boat—114.118 mph set in July of 1959 by My Sin III over a measured mile."

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Aerojet hopes to better that mark by anywhere from 20 to 50%.

Behind Gongwer's prediction lie more than six years of research, so let's draw sharper focus on this-a water-thrust power plant extraordinary, and one which seems destined to rocket many a small boat to higher-than-sneedometer sneeds.

Law-Abiding Jet. Like today's jet plane and missile engines, and like some water-jet marine propulsion units, including the Buehler Turbocraft (see p. 79, Oct. '59 S&M), Hydrocket hews to Newton's Third Law of Motion: for every action there must be an equal

and opposite reaction. Newton was talking about thrust-the product of mass times velocity. Explains S. G. Coon Jr., Hydrocket's project engineer:

"Jet aircraft engines achieve thrust by hurling rearward a tremendous mass of air at high velocity. Hydrocket simply substitutes water for air and achieves the same result."

Until Hydrocket's unique impeller, however, no water-jet system had been able to overcome pump losses-thrust losses seemingly inherent in big volume, high speed water pumps. And pumps supply the needed water mass which in turn creates thrust.

Some pump losses are due to skin friction, water-to-metal friction within various ducts. Turbulent energy loss -a disorientation of flow through a water-jet system-is another

thrust waster.

Costliest, though, is conversion loss in the pump itself. In the process of pumping so huge a mass of water through the two or three stages of a typical axial flow nump. losses may run 30% or more.

Taken together, such losses greatly reduce thrust, thus power. Because they do, few water-jet system designers, until Hydrocket, have claimed greater-than-prop efficiency. And this, even though prop efficiency falls off notoriously at high speeds (Fig. 7).

"The average small boat's prop is only about 60 to 63% efficient at best," says Gongwer. "And at speeds of more than 35 mph. its efficiency drops to as little as 10% in some racing hulls."

And, although conventional water-jet pumps don't lose their efficiency at high boat speeds, pump and other losses in most of them reduce thrust to about 35% of the theoretical maximum.

Impeller Does the Trick. By contrast, Hydrocket accomplishes with a single impeller what most pumps only attempt to do with two or three. The astounding result is that Aerojet claims 90% efficiency for its impeller

and a healthy 40 to 63% over-all thrust output. Chucking aside conventional high-loss numns. Hydrocket designers brainstormed the impeller—a kind of centrifugal shower head.

As Hydrocket's only moving part (other than the drive shaft to which it bolts). the impeller acts as both a centrifugal pump and water ejector.

Two-inch-high internal vanes (cast into the impeller's backside) function as centrif-

ugal impellers-pulling upward of 3,000 gallons of water per minute into the unit. Nozzles and their jet-spray directional vanes, machined into the impeller's face, control

water ejection.

This water ejection is an operational "critical" for two reasons. First, nozzles must be able to eject essentially all the water pulled into the unit by the impeller. Second, their directional vanes must counteract the clockwise spin of the impeller itself—so that each tiny jetstream spews straight backwards, each contributing its thrust to the herculean total thrust.

"Without those directional vanes," says one engineer, "you'd have, in effect, just a shower head-a lot of water whirled out spoke-like from the impeller. Jet streams would cancel





Experimental inboard Hydrocket installation (5A) shows how sm unit is mounted with water scoop down through keel and with shaft om engine running to impeller. Stern-end view (5B) shows position of impeller and below-keel scoop. Engine exhaust is to left. Mounting at right is for experimental rudder.

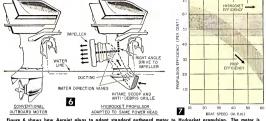


Figure 6, shows how Aerojet plans to adopt standard outboard mater to Hydracket propulsion. The mater is not changed. The under-mater scaling, however, is replaced by a unificantianing a work scape, water ducking, the impeller and a right-nagle drive from the power head. Steering remains the same: when you brun the illier, you change the direction of the jetstream and the beal. Aerojet chard (Fig. 7) shows efficiency of Hydracket compared to propellar-driven mater at various speeds. Note drop-off of prop efficiency ofter 25 mph. Hydracket efficiency remains unchanged throughout entire speed range.

one another's thrust. You'd have thrust, all right, but it wouldn't take you anywhere." Nozzle Yones Direct Jets. That Hydrocket

Nozzle Vanes Direct Jets. That Hydrocket does take you somewhere—and speedily—is due to the impeller's built-in directional jet controls, the nozzle vanes.

The vanes, machined into the impeller's head and flanking each ejection nozzle, are nothing more than little grooved channels, angled from 35° to 55° outward and in the opposite direction from the impeller's rotation (Fig. 4B). They cancel out the clockwise spin of the impeller, straightening out each tiny water jet and assuring that the stream, despite the impeller's centrifugal force, is ejected straight rearward.

Because each vane's angle of deflection is fixed (machined as the vanes are into the impeller), it is set to straighten its jet stream at the impeller's fastest operational speed. This explains why Hydrocket is most efficient thing speeds. And why, by contrast, it is somewhat less efficient than a prop at low speeds (under 30 or 35 mph.). On the average, though, it is only about 10% less efficient, and at the absolute worst—20%.

In reverse, Hydrocket is also somewhat less efficient than a prop-driven motor. Gongwer estimates Hydrocket's reverse to be "between a third and a fourth as efficient" as its verward speed. The main reason is that the reverse deflectors route only a portion of the jet stream downward and beneath the stern. The nozzles themselves are merely holes

(.030 to .250-in. dia., depending on the impeller and its speed) equally spaced around the impeller's periphery.

One small-boat impeller is fitted with 22 nozzles, each about .250-in, dia.

Another, for a high-speed craft, is rigged with no less than 54 nozzles and jet stream directional vanes. And this, mind you, though the impeller itself measures but 9 in. dia. The impeller for Aerojet's record-seeking hydroplane has 24 nozzles, each .130 in. dia.

How fast the impeller spins depends both on the engine driving it and on design speed. Most impellers are directly driven by their engine's shaft. Small boat impeller speeds match engine speeds—3,600 to 5,000 rpm. Geared-up and hooked to a 220-hp V-8 as with Aerojet's hydroplane, impellers may rev at better than 13,000 rpm at top speed.

Thrust Angle Cuts Drag. Significantly, the hydroplane's jet unit, like others for less speedy craft, is inclined 7° downward. This thrust angle mounting is purposeful. Its aim: to lift the stern at high speeds, reducing drag.

Also significant is the below-keel water scoop—which departs from the flush-bottom intakes common to most other water-jet propulsion units.

"Sure," concedes an Aerojet designer, "we lose a bit in scoop drag, but we more than make up for the loss by 'ram pressure,' pressure ranging all the way from 10 to 600 psi, generated as the boat rockets along."

Gongwer's staff spent more than two years in scoop studies, testing six different types of intakes, both flush-bottom and scoop. Their conclusion: a vaned scoop, jutting 3 to 5 in. below the bottom, its 8½-in.-sq. inlet girded with a trash grille, is most efficient.

Taking advantage of the water's ram pressure, the scoop overcomes a bugabo in some water-jet systems. At high speeds, some flush inlets simply don't get water enough. When they don't, their water-jet pumps may lose

prime, thus power—a loss similar to a prop's when, coming out of water, it spins uselessly in the air.

in the air.

Thrust, Hp and MPH. Thrust is tied fairly closely to engine horsepower. As a rule of thumb, you can expect 10 lbs. of thrust for every horsepower. Hydrocket, hooked to a 25-hp inboard, should develop 250 lbs. of thrust. Hooked up to a 50-hp inboard, thrust ideally may reach 500 lbs.

Now, how does this thrust translate into over-the-water speed?

Well, marine designers aim, in small planing-type boats, for a performance that aproximates a mile-per-hour for every engine horsepower. Hydrocket, although it comes close to this small boat ideal, doesn't quite reach it. Best speed-from-thrust to date has been about 22 mph from 23 hp. Thus, from a mere 230 lbs. of thrust, Hydrocket wrong close to the small boat optimum performance.

By the same yardstick, a 50-hp engine developing 500 lbs. of thrust should boom a craft along at better than 47 mph.

Much, of course, depends on the boat—its load and its design.

Gongwer believes Hydrocket will be wasted, its thrust efficiency cut drastically, if boat and gear weigh more than about 20 lbs. per shaft horsepower. To put it simply, if your engine develops 30 hp, and your boat, when loaded, weighs more than 600 lbs., it will respond sluggishly if fitted with a Hy-

drocket unit.

When and How Much? Says an Aerojet spokesman:

"Hydrocket conversion units should be in production and on the market within a relatively few months."

The conversion kit probably will cost more than the hardware it replaces—prop, shaft tunnel and such in an inboard. Gongwer figures 25% more as the maximum and hopes to get production units down to only 10% more.

This added cost, though, should be viewed in the light of the boat's higher speed and

its increased miles per gallon. Fuel consumption itself—that is gallons burnt per hour—will stay exactly the same, since the same motor or engine is used. But since Hydrocket is more efficient than the prop at higher speeds and since this means higher speed for the boat from the same motor, you actually go farther on the same amount of fuel. Thus, your miles per gallon will be higher—assuming you use the same boat—while your gallons per hour remain unchanged.



Here's how the solor cell panel powers the electric outomable: Sunlight hits the silicon cells (A), which convert the light to electricity. The electrical energy is fed into stories botteries (B), a series connection of 12 blacks of 6 volts each. The controller and 3-motor (C) draw electricity from the batteries. Intermediate storage permits operation in

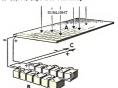
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Sunlight Powers Automobile

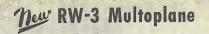
POWERED by the same kind of solar cells used in space vehicles, this car—a 1912 Baker electric has a top speed of 20 mph.

The 26 sq. ft panel atop the car contains some 10,649 silicon cells which convert sunlight to electricity. The car was rigged with the cells merely to demonstrate the potential of solar power conversion, and the cells produce enough electricity in eight hours of sunlight to run it for only an hour.

The system was developed by Dr. Charles A. Escoffery, technical assistant to the president of International Rectifier Corp., El Segundo, Calif. Cost of the solar cell panel is about \$15,000. In mass production quantities of a hundred or so, it could be sold for \$2,000 to \$2,000, says Dr. Escoffery.











A unique German export offers wing extensions, better than 25 MPG, aerobatic claims and some fresh flying sensations

By RAY WHITMAN Photos by the Author

NY number of people who thought they knew air machines have been doing double-takes lately around Palwaukee

Airport at Wheeling, Ill.

Picture, if you will, a little ship that might
be mistaken at a distance for an underfed Air

Force T-33 jet trainer (Navy TV or T2V). But when you get closer, instead of a jet tailpipe bringing up the rear, you find, right in the middle of the vertical stabilizer, a little propeller pushing like mad.

Fly alongside it a while

Wing positioning and all-plastic canopy of the RW-3 combine to give the pilot truly exceptional unimpeded vision. and admire the trim lines, but don't be started to see the pilot lean forward and out off all power. He's not about to make an emergency landing. Instead, he'll head into a nearby thermal (up-draft) and soar right on up like the glider from which the ship was spawned, sometimes climbing faster than you can under full power.

Or watch what looks for all the world like



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a glider, complete with belly landing skid, as a tix swings into the airport pattern much faster than a glider has any right to be going. But don't get soon great this apparent sail-plane don't get soon great this apparent sail-plane jockey, for he's not about to clutter up a busy runway with a belly landing. As he turns final, a full-blown tricycle gear comes down with a snap, and the's off the runway as fast



Only bosic instruments ore provided. Also note: (A) trim tob lever; (B) throttle; (C) geor retroction lever; (D) fuel cock; (E) nose wheel lock; (F) corb and cobin heet, and (G) hand cronk controlling flop position indictor.



Lorgely concooled by oir-cooling ductwork, the tiny Portsche engine nestles right behind the moin gear. With access ponel removed, only lower sporkplugs of dual ignition (A) are visible. Five-quart oil tenk for drysump system (B) rides behind engine, which links to propeller shaft by a drive shoft which has two universal clients.

as your powered craft.

First German Import. All of these and many more unusual features describe the Rhein-Flugzeugbau RW-3 Multoplane, first German light aircraft to be imported to the

U. S. since World War II.

With it, the manufacturers have hoped to carve a slice of the sizable U. S. student trainer and personal transportation market. So also has George Priester, president of Palwaukee and importer of the first ship, who holds distribution rights and licensing rights to build this all metal and plastic plane here. But more than a few flies have turned up in the Fleischbruke.

Start with the day when an air freight flying boxear disgorged the RW-3 at Midwy Airport, Chicago, assembled except for wings, at all assembly, engine and prop, which had been removed. It had been a rough crossing resulting in a scratched canopy, broken plastic parts, a few dents and the like—enough to set Bdids Konefes, weteran Palwaukee mechanic (and a perfectionist), to tearing his bair.

"At least," Eddie thought, "it looks like an airplane." He trucked it home, not knowing how much of a beating his hair was yet to get. Then he opened the instruction package. Assembly guides, mechanic's manual, specificantons, flight manual—all were in German, a language, it turned out, which was foreign to everyone on the field. Donnervoetter!

In the end, Eddie, who is a CAA designated inspector, remembered a friend who had been a mechanic in Germany. For some 40 working hours, even George Priester stayed out of the big work hangar, for many of the sounds coming out could be understood in any language. But finally, out rolled an airplane, ready to fly—or so everyone thought.

International Saciu. Unfortunately, the Federal Aeronautics Authority didn't think so. Priester and the manufacturers had understood that under reciprocal trade agreements, whatever was licensed in West Gerenany would automatically be type certified here. Not so. The FAA could find nothing like that in the fine print.

Thus the little ship had to start from scratch, under an "experimental" label, and fly through CAA testing just as though it were an entirely new American type. And, although it has come through some 40 hours of flight without mishap and with only minor of light without mishap and with only minor of light without mishap and with only minor pleted as this is written. George has hopes. Thus, too, it has been impossible for the

writer to gain formal CAA approval to fly the ship, and we won't cut corners. Instead, we have carefully interviewed everyone associated with the RW-3 in the U. S. to bring you its story, chief among them young Charles Priester, son of the Palwaukee owner. Charlie, 21-year-old Notre Dame graduate,

SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL: RW-3 Multoplane, mfg. by Rhein-Flugzeugbau, GmBH, Krefeld/M = Gladbach, West Germany; imported by Priester

Aviation, Palwaukee Airport, Wheeling, III.
LENGTH: 24 ft., 4 in. HEIGHT: 8 ft., 2 in. SPAN: 34 ft., 1 in., or 50 ft., 6 in. with wing extensions.

MAX. GROSS: 1984.2 lbs.

PAYLOAD: 661.4 lbs. (18 gals fuel, 132 lbs. luggage plus two 210.7-lb. passengers) ENGINE: 4-cyl. opposed Porsche type 678/4 with 1.98:1 reduc-

tion gear developing 75 hp. at 4600 rpm. (grog 2320 rpm.) PRICE: "Just under \$10,000" delivered at Wheeling, III.

PERFORMANCE

Manufacturer's data based on U. S. Standard Atmosphere 509-F. 29-92 in High at sea level. Tests in U. S., by Charles Priecter, averaged over 40 hrs. flight, varying conditions, at Palwaukee Airport, Wheeling, III., 746 ft. alt. Manufacturer U.S. Tests

Cruising speed: (mph): Stall speed (mph):	(short wing) 112 not given	(long wing) 109	(short wing) 117 47	(long wing) 110 40	
		591			
Climb rate (ft./min.):	492		verifi		
Descent (ft./min.):	354	246	1,000	1,000	
Takeoff (ft.):	780	660	900	800	
Range (miles, approx.)	500	500	veri	fied	

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has been around aircraft since he was seven. He has done everything from washing planes and changing oil as a teen-ager to flying some of the hottest available. With his distinguished flying father and others, he had hundreds of dual hours before old enough to solo; was licensed within weeks of his fieth birthday, and was commercially licensed weeks after that. Since then, he has formally logged more than 2,200 hours. He flew the test flights in the RW-3, and we trust his judgment.

"In the air," Charlie says, "it's one of the smoothest ships I've ever handled. But when you first climb in you get the feeling you're going to be awfully lonesome." He's so right. Point is, there are no reference points to tell you whether you are straight and level, banking into a turn, or upside down and backwards. There are several reasons:

Multi-Purpose Design. Aside from conventional aircraft use, in which it is a twoplace, tandem-seat pusher with its 75-49. Porsche engine in the fuselage behind the back seat, the RW-3 is designed for use as a powered gilder or full gilder. Thus, with et plane's own center of gravity far back, the pilot sits far forward, with the wings far bebind him, as in gilders and some military and commercial types.

Gone are the wingtips you're used to seeing out of the corner of your eye, gone the familiar fan and rather flat engine cowling ahead of you. Instead, the whole thing, all nicely rounded, quits right in front of your feet, and there you sit out in front of God and everybody, with no horizontal or vertical lines to line up with the horizon. It might be



fects markedly while providing highly sensitive rudder action.

enough to shake a man, at first, for it will take a while to get used to the idea the rest of the thing is coming with you and to learn just where the rest of it is.

For full or powered gliding, accessory 8-ft.2-in. wing extensions are offered, bringing
the 34-ft.-1-in. span up to 50 ft., 6 in. The
plane's normal plastic wingtip fairings (which
resemble tip tanks) are removed, and extensions slide into place with a single bolt for
fastening. (You still can't see them without
turning your head.)

None of this bothers you much after the first few flights, Charlie reports. With or without wing extensions, the ride is smooth even in rough air, with a distinctly "big-plane feel." With the extensions, there's some feellence. It is, of course, on the heavy side for its class, with its dry weight of 1,322 lbs. exceeding, say, the Super Cub y 400 lbs.

Incidentally, the RW-3 would be hard to overload. With full tanks (18 gals.) and a full 132 lbs. of permissible luggage (behind rearseat), you would have to put in two people totaling an unlikely 422 lbs. before you hit maximum gross of 1,984. We say "unlikely" because many 200-plus-pounders would find the cockpit a tight fit for shoulder room. Optional 32-gal. fuel tanks are available.

Quiet in Flight. "Most remarkable thing about the ship," Charile Priester says, "is the noise factor in flight. Although the geared Porsche with its high engine speed gives a higher-pitched sound than usual, it's so far behind you you really hear more of the wind whistling past the canopy than you do of the engine."

Developing its peak 75 hp for takeoff at 4600 rpm, the Porsche is geared 1.98:1 to yield a prop speed of 2,320 rpm. Cruising at 4,400



Priester mechanics George Ricter (left) and Eddie Konefes hold one of the RW-3's wing extensions in position to show the enormous span available in soaring configuration.

damage.

Tricky Takeoffs. Fact is, Charlie Priester once had it on the belly skid—not on landing, but on takeoff. After several flights in which he "played it safe" by

holding the ship down until well over flying speed, he decided one day (with his father watching) to try a really sharp, showy take-

off for Dad.

With the free-pivoting nose wheel locked straight down the runway, he poured on the straight down the runway, he poured on the gear retraction love. Just over stall, she mushed off, not really ready to fly, and Charlie snapped up the wheels. Twanng, she hit on the belly skid and bounced, skipping down the runway (happily, a long one) like a skimmed stone. Charlie sat contemplating his sins a moment until his speed took hold, and she flew off. Dad, of course, pretended not to have seen.

Since then, Charlie has concluded it's best to hold it on up to 60 or 65 mph, when it will fly off readily, and it's not distinguished for short takeoffs. Charlie estimates it uses about 900 ft. as grainst the specified 780. (It looks

like more than that to the writer.)

Nor is Charlie completely happy with the gear arrangement. In what we think is a unique lash-up, the gear pivots upward with a linkage which includes torsion springs. To retract, you first pull a long lever which puts tension on the springs; then, when you flip the release, they snap up and lock. To lower, you push down the long handle, and again snapping the release permits gravity to carry them down to lock. But if you try either at too high an airspeed, they will stop midway, and you must pull them up again before snappend you have the shade sealing muching on gently ight at stall speed almost straight and level.

All of these things, Charlie feels, simply require some getting used-to and some practice. It might, he feels, prove highly useful as a trainer, both for powered flight and gliding. And, he insists, it's a dream in the air. The writer, frankly, would be mighty hesitant about turning a beginner loose in it.

The manufacturers claim that absences of torque resulting from rear prop placement gives the ship aerobatic handling matched only by jets. Certainly, it will be interesting to watch, and it just might be a lot of people's cup of schnapps.

rpm, according to Charlie, it will indicate a consistent 115-118 mph with the wooden prop with which the U. S. prototype is equipped. (CAA rejected the original distinctively-twisted German metal prop. A variable-pitch unit is also available.) With wing extensions, speed is reduced 6 or 7 mph.

At normal cruise, Charlie indicates, the RW-3 responds quickly and lightly to control action, but not objectionably so. "Call it some thing like the Stearman" a very highly regarded World War II trainer and utility ship. Nor will a slight change of attitude ship. Nor will a slight change of attitude ship. Nor will a slight change of attitude ship. Some you can throw out of trim simply by leaning forward in the seat.) At cruise, it burns about 3.7 gals./hour, yielding about a

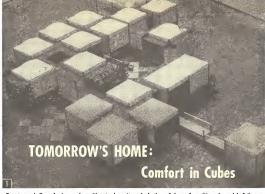
500-mile range.

Tim (conventional flap in the elevator) is controlled by a sliding knob with notched locking positions, and flaps (Charlie says they are "highly effective") are continuously variable, with a hand crank and indicator, up to 45°. In normal configuration, flaps occupy more than half the wing trailing edge, with added, the surfaces which were allerons now also become flaps, while control surfaces in the extensions become allerons.

In either case, Charlie quarrels with the manufacturer's specified rate of descent of 354 ft/min. That might stand up, he feels, without flaps, but with full flaps down, 1,000 ft/min. would be more like it. He verifies the manufacturer's rated climb of 492 ft/min.

The ship stalls at about 46 mph without extensions and at about 40 with them, always with heavy warning buffeting long before. Held down to stall straight and level, it simply mushes down, and the nose must be pulled up to induce a breaking stall. It flies again immediately with the nose dropped or with power added.

Red-lined at 160 mph, it is said by the builder to be stressed for up to 150 hp for optional engines and is claimed to be fully aerobatic, although it has not yet been stunted here. Nor do we yet know the entry speeds for sharp maneuvers. Also, the builders claim, it can be put down on the belly skid without



Twenty-one hollow aluminum cubes with extender units and plastic roof domes form this scale model of the experimental industrialized House. Spread-out floor plan (Fig. 4) provides grivary and isolates room naises.

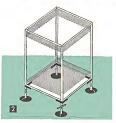
In a few years, do-it-yourselfers may be playing a gigantic game of dominoes—using aluminum cubes to build an efficient, mobile and low-cost home

By MERLE E. DOWD

OLLOW aluminum cubes—12 ft. square with translucent plastic tops and variable wall panels—might be the building blocks for tomorrow's do-it-yourself homebuilder.

The cubes, which could be put together domino-like to form any floor plan you want, are the basic unit for a startling experimental "Industrialized House" which was brainsormed by famed designers George Nelson and Co., Inc., of New York.
Nelson's group threw out the old-fashioned

Neison's group threw out the old-fashiohed and inefficient ideas inherent in many of today's conventional houses. They concentrated their thinking on greatly improved performance, mass production materials, extreme flexibility and a minimum of building parts. As a result, the cube house offers



The basic building unit is a cage of aluminum posts and beams, with screw-jack legs that rest an aluminum faundatian cones. The jacks adapt cage posts to uneven land and eliminate costly and immobile foundations.

many unique—and advantageous—features:

• Because the cubes, plus smaller extender units, could be assembly-line built and put quickly together on-site, building costs would be held to a minimum.



Inside a model of the cube house. Many furnishings are built in as a part of the basic structure—such as the starage wall at the rear. Extender units fasten ta cubes to enlarge rooms, add design flexibility and provide corridors.



Floar plan of the house shown in Fig. 1 illustrates how cubes and extender units can be cambined into a flexible and efficient room arrangement.

 Use of lightweight anodized aluminum would eliminate many maintenance problems and the need for footings and foundations. Instead, the cubes would rest on aluminum cones, with a screw-jack between the cube and the cone to adjust for uneven ground levels.

 If desired, the house could easily be disassembled, packed on a trailer and moved to a new location.

Covering the Cubes. Nelson recognized that most people are used to getting light from above. So the cubes' roofs would be domed skylights, made of several layers of translucent plastic for natural lighting during the day. In areas where glare is troublesome, vari-colored liquids could be pumped into the air space between the layers. At night, soft indirect lighting would come from lamps in edge coves.

To cover the sides of the cubes, you would choose from a wide variety of interchangeable wall panels, which could be just simple walls or could have built-in picture windows, furniture, storage cabinets or shelves

(Fig. 5).

ctender units fasten to revoide corridors. bility of the basic cube and to provide corridors, 4 by 12-ft. extender units could be joined to the larger blocks. Where larger rooms are wanted, two or more

of the cubes could be combined.

Why the helter-skelter room arrangement
of the house shown in Figs. 1 and 4? It was
carefully laid out that way to provide the ut-

most in privacy and quiet.

Massive walls—such as 3 ft. or so of concrete—will completely stop noise. But thin walls, like those in most homes, only muffle sounds, and in a factory-built house like Nelson's—where light weight is a must—unre-

stricted noise could be a serious problem. So Nelson's solution was to separate the rooms and join them by corridors made of the smaller extender units. Since the cube house offers complete design freedom, it can be perfectly adjusted to the building site to provide the desired seclusion and quiet. The separated rooms also solve the problem of ventilation in areas where year-round air conditioning will not be built in. Small conditioner and heater units could be installed where wanted, or the insulated floor panels could be heated radiantly. In cold climates, aluminum panels could extend from the cubes to the ground to prevent cold air from blowing under the floors.

Esy Meblity and a minimum of on-site labor are necessary before homes can be truly factory-built and sold over the counter with anywhere near the same success as automobiles or refrigerators. The Industrialized House, by using only two basic building units and a variety of wall panels, fills these requirements.

The minimum number of parts could be manufactured on an assembly line and stocked in regional warehouses. You could shon in a store nick out the building units you need, then have them delivered to your lot after having standard utility hook-ups installed at the site. Package units for heating or all-season air conditioning, kitchens and baths would fit into each cube as desired and would be independent of any large, overall system. A day after the components arrived, you would be living in your new house

Then, suppose your company transferred you to another part of the country. Instead of going through the delays, expense and

mental turmoil of selling your house and finding another, you could simply take down your cube house and ship it to your next location, along with your personal goods.

There, a day's work would see your house set up on a new lot. You would already feel at home in it, your furniture would fit it and you might even decide to add another room or change the room arrangement, all for less than the cost of two real estate

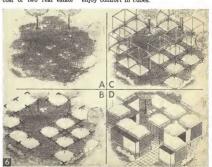


 woll-in the cube, a variety of interchangeable panels would be available containing doors, windows, closets and other storage facilities.

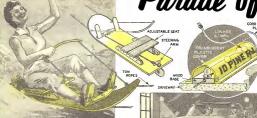
commissions and the intangible losses that come from the usual frustrations of selling, moving and rebuying.

As yet, neither a projected sales date or to the Nelson cube house has been set, nor has one of the homes actually been built. But in a few years, when the last major product we all use—the home—is fully adapted to factory production, we may all enjoy comfort in cubes.

These drawings show the mojor steps in setting up o cube house. (A) After room orrangement is decided on. the aluminum foundation cones are loid aut in their proper locations. (B) Screw-lock posts and floor structures are mounted onto the cones. (C) The cube's framework of posts and beams are assembled over the floor ponels. (D) The extender units and dome roofs are ottached to the cage to enclose the house.



Parade of



Steerable Water Sled. Designed to be towed by a motor boat, this addition to the water sports fomily has an adjustable seat, o rudder controlled by pedals and twa rapes which extend to provide a handlebar for the rider. Patent No. 2,910,708. William A. Albright, assignant to Albright Boat and Marine Co. Charletse N. C.



Knockdown Beach Hold-all has interlocking parts and can be set up easily—then knocked down and tied in a neat package for carrying. It provides convenient supparts and racks for drinking glasses, towels and cigarets. Patent No. 2724,338. Bruce C. Sharp, Pitman, N. J.

Electric Barbecue Igniter ends messing around with kindling and provides its awn draft. Just plug it in, put same briquets in, add igniting fluid and squeeze the air bulbs to provide a constant draft. Patent No. 2,922,-016. Narry L. Persinger, Burbank, Colif.

Illuminated Driveway Curbing is a boon to all thase poor souls who—regardless of back-up lights—find it none too easy to back out their driveways. It also is likely to prove a great lown sover and, with the owner's name and address pointed an, a good addition to hause are building identification. Patent No.



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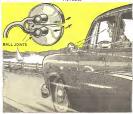


dicator and a directional arrow. The galfer stands so that a line drawn through the arrow point would pass through the galf boll, then keeps the bubble in view—assuring him he will stroke the ball correctly. Patent No. 2,919,922. Harry L. Skelly, Reno, Nevada.

Roll-Easy Suitcase should be of benefit to anybody who has to tote heavy luggage around when traveling. It has built-in restractable wheels at each end which can be let down for travalling, then retracted and folded for case of handling or storage during travel or at home. Patern No. 2,917,317. John Denholm, San Diego, California.

Dual Rear View Mirrors can give motorists a better look at the traffic behind them. In this bifurcated model, one half scans the vehicles directly behind, while the other half can be separately adjusted to give the driver a close view of the cars attempting to pass him. Patent No. 2,916,967. Alexander J. Husak, Flint, Mich.

• For more complete information on any of the inventions shown here, you may order copies of each original patent by sending your request with the patent number to Commissioner of Patents, Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C. Enclose 25% in cash for each patent.



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Saab's front-wheel drive enables it to pull out of snaw piles like this ane with ease. At right, Saab makes a tight, wet turn with no side breaking laase.



Road and Lab Tests on the

Front-Drive SAAB

Why is Ford Motor Company developing a front wheel drive compact? A study of this Saab shows you some answers suspension geometry, inasmuch as this car demonstrated a much smaller sway angle than the front-wheel drive Cord we tested.

drive Cord we tested. Specific test figures show the Saab's side tilt on hard cornering to be an astonishing low 1°, which makes her just about the best curvetaker we've ever driven, outside of the sports car field. Of the new American compacts, Corvair came closest to Saab, with 2½°

compacts, Corvair came closest to Saab, with 2½° tilt, while Falcon and Valiant both measured a considerably higher 3½°, the same as a 1937 Cord we tested.

For its size, the Saab has slightly harder steering than many other imports, and the front wheel drive is no doubt responsible. You soon adant to the difference, however.

You soon adapt to the difference, however.
Saab's free-wheeling is nothing out of the
ordinary, except that it's there (usually, you
will find it only on the higher-priced cars). It
results in easier shifting, especially on downshifts, since you needn't worry about matching engine speed exactly with car speed. It
also aids fuel economy somewhat, because
the car coasts without the engine giving any
down-braking effect. This also means, however, that you'll probably use the foot brake
more and shorten the life of the linings.

Fuel Miser. Because Saah is one of those

WITH the Saab, an economy import from Sweden, almost everything of importance is up front. Like the classic Cord of yesteryear, the drive is to the front wheels. Also up front is the three-cylinder, two-stroke engine. And also reminiscent of another American design feature is the Saab's use of free-wheeling.

One benefit of the to-the-front design approach becomes obvious the minute you open the door of the Saab. There's no annoying driveshaft hump, front or rear.

Another advantage shows up the first time you let those front wheels pull you around a sharp corner, with a flat, nearly swayless action which practically challenges you to gun her some more. Partial credit for the lack of sway must rest, however, with the Saab's

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Nicely loid out instrument panel. Note blow holes for side-window defrosting (A) and pull-chain control for shutter inside front grille (B).

Note how Soob's hood, Including headlights and grille, lifts to expose engine. (A) is spare can of all, and there's another under the front seat; (B) grille shutter; (C) protective cop for coit; (D) horns; (E) coil; (F) cerburetor; (G) oit coiner; (H) fon and shaft to coner; (H) fon and shaft to the first coner; (W) water pump on and of generator; (L) windshield worter; (M) water toke-off for heater, and (M) water toke-off for heater for grille shutter.

"foreign economy cars" that the new American compacts are supposed to compete with, let's see how its fuel mileage compares with our test Corvair (with automatic transmission) and test Fal-

con and Valiant (with manual shift):

		Miles Per Gallon At a constant		City	
	30 mph	60 mph	In Traffic	Country	Overall
Saab	37.3	24.8	22.0	29.7	25.4
Falcon	38.0	25.9	19.0	28.1	22.7
Corvair	28.8	23.7	16.4	22.9	17.5
Valiant	28.5	20.0	18.3	22.3	18.3

A fuel miser she is, although less so than several other small economy imports we have tested. But a jackrabbit she isn't. Saab's rear axle ratio of 5.43:1 seems made for acceleration, not economy, but the 38-hp enjine just isn't husky enough to provide the pep, except at lower speeds:

	Annaloustica	(ene)	
0-20	0-40	0-60	Rear Ax
2.9	12.3	36.9	5.43
3.6	9.6	21.0	3.10
4.2	10.2	22.1	3.55
3.1	7.9	14.1	3.55
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M H D A FRANT OF CALL

Beautiful Bearings. How can an engine like Saab's two-stroke run without oil in the crankcase? Saab does it by using ball and roller anti-friction bearings. Since this type of bearing is a continuous ring (babbitt bearings are two half-circles), the Saab has a "built-up" crankshaft; that is, several pieces put together as the bearings are installed. (We'd guess that you can't trouble-shoot this yourself; you'll probably have to send the engine crankshaft with con rods attached back to the factory for repair. Of course, this should not be necessary for the life of the car.) The crankshaft has four single-row ball bearings, while the big ends of the con rods use double-row roller bearings.

Saab's carburetor does not have a choke as we have come to know it, but instead, you open a starting jet—really an auxiliary idling jet—by pulling out the "choke" control. Some caution is needed here: don't open the

Driver's Observations

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ROADABILITY: Regular snowmobile in mean weather, with good satability on wet or snowy surfaces. Has a suggestion of a loping, sea-faring gait over humpy or wavy roads, but it's not unpleasant. Takes long dips at speed with ease but shows short wheelbase buck on a quick succession of sharp bumps at low speed.

RIDING AND DRIVING COMFORT: Quick-steering traffic threader. Shift action is long travel and takes time for her to wind up. Test car was relatively noisy, between the sound of the engine wind-up, torque grunts on bumps and some traffic-speed body rattice. Wibrates a good bit at idle, but road throb when under way is about on par for small import of small import.

Seats generously cushioned; bucket-types in front quite comfortable, with 7-position backrest adjustment. To get into car, you back in with some ducking and sit down. Rear windows don't roll down; front windows take 4-plus turns, and there are no vents, Vision forward good; through rear window, poor, Inside rear view mirror small; outside mirror is convex type, which distorts distances. Hartoom generous in front, NSTRUMENTS AND CONTROLS. Steering when conditrostly positioned. Those who like to hold cross-spoke will fine hold cross-spoke will fine conflict on right side, where turn signal is close to wheel spoke. Brakes springly but sure. Clutch, brake and gas pedals quite close. Dilais well placed for reading, Speed calibrated by 5 mg/h incre-black of the control of the co

Visual labels on knobs (except starter) are nice. Dash light at night failed to light fuel and teng gages adequately. Ashtray and glove box (a small) one) easy to reach. Doors have storage pockets. Padded sun visors swivel to side. Blower quite noisy on high. Wipers clap hands, leaving no center blind spot.

MISCELLANEOUS: Quality of assembly, finish, and weather-stripping well above average. Seam line-up excellent and double seaming insulation used along hood and trunk lines. Slope of trar window such that some snow from top tends to settle on top of window. Have to remove luggage to get at spare tire stowed under trunk floor. Carburetor has pre-heater tube feathers to exhaust pipe to prevent king and speed feathers.

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MODEL: Sook 93, 2-door sedon

TEST DATES: March 1 through March 9, 1980.

GENERAL ROAD AND WEATHER CONDITIONS: Spring weather, clear, 20° to 35° F, 29.2-29.6 in. Hg barome-ter; Portland concrete, generally smooth and level.

MILEAGE AT START: 2587 MILES COVERED: 740

GAS: Regular OIL: Saah SAE 40. CURB WEIGHT (with 91/2 gal gas): 1880 lb; 56% on front wheels; 44% on rear wheels.

TIRE PRESSURE: 26 psi front: 24 psi regr. SPARK SETTING: 8º BTC at idle rom.

REAR AXLE GEAR RATIO: 5.43 to 1.

TRANSMISSION: 1.72 to 1 in 1st; 8.53 to 1 in 2nd; 5.23 to 1 in 3rd; 21 to 1 in reverse

TEST DATA

FUEL MILEAGE: (checked with fuel volume flow meter and 5th wheel. Temperature 32° F; Relative humidity 80%; barometer 29.3 in. Ha).

LEVEL ROAD FUEL CONSUMPTION (corried weight 470 Average of two or more runs made in opposite directions over same road)

True MPG True Ton MPG

TRAFFIC FUEL CONSUMPTION (carried weight 460 lb): Simulated traffic pattern of city driving—stops, ac-celeration, braking, at speeds primarily of 30 to 45 mph:

> Tone MDC Tone Ton MDC True Average MPH 22.0 25.8 22.6

CITY-COUNTRY FUEL CONSUMPTION (miles covered on 5 gal, fuel on course combining open road (country and slower traffic (city) driving, at speeds of 30, 40

50 and 60 mph): Trus Milesee True MPG True Average MPH 148.7 29.7 33.0

OVERALL FUEL AND OIL consumed during test, including idling, warmups and all-weather driving:

Total Gal Fael 740 29.05 4 ots 185

ACCELERATION—LEVEL ROAD (timed with 5th wheel) carried weight 400 lb; Temperature 28° F; relative humidity 60%; barometer 29.4 in. Hg, average of two or more runs in opposite directions over same road); APH (True) 0-20 0-30 0-40 0-50 0-60 20-40 20-60 3-90 8-10 12-3 22-4 36-9 8-6 33-2 Time (sec)

GEAR SHIFT PATTERN: 0-24 mph in 1st; 24 to 431/2 mph in 2nd; 3rd gear to speed. From steady 20 mph in 2nd, timed to 40 mph and to 60 mph, shifting into 3rd at 431/2 mph.

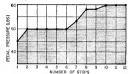
QUARTER MILE SPRINT from standstill: 50.5 mph (true)

in 22.9 sec MINIMUM ACCELERATION time for 0-60 mph (true) over level road with no wind, best spark setting, Regular fuel and driver alone: 31.4 seconds.

SPEEDOMETER-ODOMETER CORRECTIONS: For 10 true miles traveled, odometer registers 10.10 miles. For 10,000 true miles traveled, odometer will register 10,100 miles.

True Engine Engine RPM 70.6 68.6 72 5260 2886 5120 70 50

LATERAL SWAY TEST OF CORNERING ABILITY: steady 40 mph on 285-it radius circle, side tilt angle recorded was 1°. BRAKE FADE TESTS (repeated applications of brake from 50 mph to 30 mph at deceleration rate of 7 ft/sec?): As indicated below, pedal effort did not double in 12. test stops.



LONGITUDINAL DIP ON BRAKING: At a steady deceleration rate of 21 ft/sec2, body nose driving angle

PARKING BRAKE TEST: When brake was applied hard and suddenly from 20 mph true speed, car braking distance was 36 ft. Left wheel locked: right wheel

CHASSIS DYNAMOMETER HORSEPOWER (tests made by Clark Automotive Service, Chicago): Temperature 50° F; relative humidity 80%; barometer 29.2 in. Hg. MPH True Engine RPM

50 3600 Per cent of advertised engine horsepower (38) to rear

wheels: 50%.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL FUEL COSTS: \$132 for 10,000 miles (Using Regular gas at 32c a gallon and Saab SAE 40 oil at 45c a quart).

CALCULATED PERFORMANCE FACTORS

True MPH at speed of max, advertised HP in hi-gear 67 True MPH at speed of max. advertised torque 29 Engine rom at 60 mph (also rev. per mile)* 4480 Average piston speed at 60 mph (also ft/mile)* 27.40

Cu. ft. per minute of mixture at 60 mph (also cu. ft/mile)
—a theoretical measure of fuel economy—low values 59

desirable Max. engine RP (adv) per ton of car (curb wt.)—a theo-retical measure of acceleration performance—high values

38.4 desirable Max engine HP (adv) per cu, in, displacement-a measure

design excellence in producing power-high values decirable

Power performance factor (a weighted average tof CR, displacement and curb wt.). This is a theoretical measure of potential acceleration. * Lower values indicate less wear and stress on the ennine.

Above data and signed certification are reproduced from test reports.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the test results in this report are the actual findings obtained in tests, conducted in accordance with good engineering practice, on the automobile named and under the conditions speci-

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TECH TALK

Ywo-Stroke vs. Four-Stroke. A two-stroke cylinder provides a power stroke for every reculous of the crankshaft. The much more common fourstroke cylinder requires two revolutions for a power stroke. So you might think that the two-stroke can produce as much horsepower as four-stroke twice its produce as much horsepower as four-stroke twice its were identical—if the same weight of fuel were inducted into each engine.

But the four-stroke engine, with its separate intake and exhaust strokes, does two things better than the two stroke:

- It expels more exhaust gas on the exhaust stroke.
- It inducts more fresh fuel mixture on the intake stroke, since the intake port is open longer than with the two-stroke.

Hence, a three-cylinder two-stroke (such as the Saab's) does not equal a six-cylinder four-stroke, but instead comes within about 30% of doing so.

The two-stroke also has several shortcomings. First, as any power lawnmower owner will tell you, it is usually harder to start than the four-stroke, and there is the nuisance of having to add oil to the gasoline.

Vwo-Stroke Advantages. Pound-for-pound, however, the two-take engine packs more power than its four-stroke counterpart, due to that power stroke every revolution. Thus, the three-prinder Saab, with about one-third the displacement of the six-cylinder habout one-third the displacement of the six-cylinder habout one-third the displacement of the six-cylinder habits amuch horsepower (Si #9 pougard to 80). It addition, its oil consumption is a fixed quantity, it won't increase with engine ware. Our test Saab used a quart of oil for every 185 miles, since the oil was oil for 81% ratio. habe passible entiting ratio of 1 quill for 81% ratio. habe passible entiting ratio of 1 quill for 81% ratio. habe passible entiting ratio of 1 quill for 81% ratio.



show the spare tire hidden below floor. The box is a kit of spare parts, sold as extra equipment.

throttle while starting, since the starting jet needs engine vacuum in order to operate.

The Saab 93, with front-opening doors like our test car, is no longer being imported. In its place is the 93P, with doors hinged in front, but in other respects, it's essentially the same car. Saab's port-of-entry price is \$1895, which includes such "extras" as heater, whitevall tires, undercoating, outside rear view mirror, windshield washers and a clock—WaNYW WILE.

	Measurements a	nd Specifications		-
Make and model	Saab 93 sedan	Highest curb bumper will clear		13
Engine type	Water-cooled 2-stroke	Inches of overhang (front and r		26, 36
No. of cylinders	3	Door width opening clearance ((in.)	46
Bore and stroke	2.59 x 2.87	Inches of headroom (front and	rear)	38, 34
Piston displacement (cu. in.)	46	Front legroom (in.)		45
Mean effective pressure (lb/in* @ rpm)	171 @ 2200	Rear kneeroom (in.)		6 to 9
Adv. max. horsepower @ rpm	38 @ 5000	Rear seat depth (in.)	tar)	16
Adv. max. torque (lb-ft @ rpm)	52 @ 2200	Inches of hiproom (front and n		19 (bucket), 48
Fuel specified	Regular gas, SAE 30 or 40 oil	Inches of seat height (front an	d rear)	12, 121/2 461/2, 431/2
Compression ratio	7.3:1	Inches of shoulder room (front and rear)		
Turning circle (curb-to-curb) Overall steering ratio (manual)	39'11" 14:1	Inches of max. seat travel (la Windshield (sq. in.)	et. and vert.)	647
Torque to turn (lb-ft)	6/2	Rear window (sq. in.)		364
No. turns, lock-to-lock	2/4	Luggage lifting height (in.)		23
Wheelbase (in.) Overall length (in.)	98 158	Driver's eye-to-road distance	Left side Center Right side	18' 19" 24' 1" 25' 3"
Overall width (in.)	601/2	Battery		12 volt, 33 AH
Unloaded overall height (in.)	551/2	Fuel tank capacity (gals.)		91/2
Min. car-te-read clearance (in.)	7½ at rear tail pipe	Oil fill capacity (qts.)		0
Worst hump and dip car will clear (radius) 12'4", 21'3"	Radiator capacity (qts.)		6.8
Max. driveway angle car will clear	12°	Transmission capacity (qts.)		2
Highest curb doors will clear (in.)	13	Tire size and ply		5.00 x 15, 4-pl;

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Home Shop Work Savers



Low-Cast Parthable Are Welder, Designed for outs repair, form and home workshop requirements, this until weld metal up to % in. Nut. Blectrodes from ½% to % in. ore accommodated. With an auxiliary are trarch, the unit can be used for breazing, soldering, benting and bending an ferrous and non-ferrous metals. Called the Model M97, the outfit consists of the transferrer unit, two 64-1 welding cobles with insulated toper plugs, adjustable helmes, flux, electrode holder, ground clamp, string acrean, oluminum and steel welding rad, borase your continues of the welding rad, borase with full course, the welding current range is 20-55 amps. Mode by the Model & Thermit Cop., Pop. BMA, Rohway, N. J. Price 375.



Vented handle on this soldering iron stays cool to the touch. Internal heat is eliminated so terminals do not burn out. Variety of tips from 25 to 50 watst available for as low as \$1.25 each. Tiplet points for close tolerance available. The 5½-in. unit weighs, with card, 2 oz., lists at \$2.50. Made by Sidos. Box 312-SM. Venice. Calif.



New style blade for radial-arm saw is lapse ground for strength and blades to-blade in collections of a second strength and blades to the collection of the second strength and the second strength an





Screw checking device tells the size, thread count, top drill size, departne drill size, length, top series and basic diameter for every commercially important ball, cop screw and mockine screw mode in the U.S. up to "li-in. diameter. In addition tells size and length for wood, sheet metal, self-tupping and drive screws, standard rivet sizes and most of the comman coster plan sizes. Platful unit measures 3 x 3 in., cost \$ 17.5 x Mode by Nacele Bras, Dept. RR, P.O. Bez 114, Fendale 20.

A lack, slipped onto the prongs of any two- or three-pronged electrical appliance prevents unauthorized use. Made by the Hurd Lock & MG, Co., Lock Div., Almont, Mich., the Power-Blok retails at \$1.49. Distributed through hardware and department stores.

Pantograph Carves in 2-D or 3-D



THIS 2-D or 3-D ball bearing pantograph will carve or engrave wood, metal or plastic.

It can be used for making such things as lettering, molds, engravings, jewelry and model parts. A highly accurate machine, it has seven settings—ranging from a ½:1 to a ¾:1 ratio—for reduc-

tion carving only.

The complete machine, including router bits, clamps, tool sharpener, grinding wheels, wheel dresser and double bed adjustable stand, sells for \$67.40. A hand



Here the pontograph's stylus is used to trace a 3-D floral design, while the router bit corves a miniature pendant of the same design out of wood. Inset photo shows the pendant and a smaller corring.

grinder can be added for \$19.95. Manufacturer is Bench-Craft, located at Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

New Unit Turns Heat Into Power



TEN dollars worth of propane gas is all it takes to run this thermoelectric generator for a year—producing a steady five watts of power all the while.

By storing 1,000 lbs. of propane (about \$50 worth) with the generator, it could run unattended for five years, says its developer, the General Instrument Corp., Newark, N. J.

The unit was designed as an unmanned source of power for areas where other sources of electricity are not available or, as with batteries, must be replaced or recharged. Single evaluation samples of the unit are available for about \$5,000, but the company plans to sell it for \$500 or less when large-scale production gets under way.

Ne moving parts in this 10-lib. htermoelectric generator. Propone gas is fed into the generator (suspended sideways), where it burns steedily. The heat, captured in combustion chamber, is converted by thermopiles of semi-conductor elements directly into electricity, lighting the small loops. The specially-designed burner uses more than 50 years for their looks that conducted to the oluminum habot rejection fins which give the unit is stor-like opperators.



Open up a 40-hp Johnson outboard, and the amphibious Cee Camp gets up speed quickly and planes on its pontoon hulls. Two water skiers could be towed, since top speed of the craft is about 30 mph.

The latest addition to the fast-growing pickup camper family is this versatile model that rides both roads and waves

By JOE H. WHERRY



After backing your truck to the water's edge, first step in getting ofloat is to lower the pontoons. During on-road trovel, they are secured atop the cabin.

N just three minutes' time, a newly-developed pickup camper-called the Cee Camp-converts into a catamaran houseboat that sleeps two or three persons. The intriguing amphib was developed by

N. C. Copeland, a retired Navy officer with an inventive turn of mind. A conventional camping body when installed on an 8-ft. pickup, it becomes a boat when its twin pontoons are lowered and it is backed down to the water and floated off the truck.

Powered by a 40-hp outboard motor, the

craft handles like a true catamaran. Acceleration is rapid, since the smooth pontoon hulls offer little water resistance. Up to about 15 mph the pontoons draw only 3 in, of water, At about 18 mph, the pontoon noses start to come up and soon the craft is planing at a top speed of 30 mph. Maneuverability is excellent, cornering is flat and the spray thrown is less than on many cruisers or outboards.

The "Cut" Hulls are about 12 ft. long, 21/2 ft, wide and 14 in, deep. There are five bulkheads in each hull, providing seven water-tight flotation chambers. The hull framing is of fir, braced inside with steel and covered with quarter-inch marine plywood.



Here o pontoon is locked in the "down" position by pushing a retaining pin through the boom and its support channel. The same pin (pushed through a different hole) locks the pontoon in the "up" position for on-road travel.

Without passengers, the craft floots in only 2 in. of water. Here it is easily pushed out of the pickup's box ofter the truck hos backed into the water. The guide roil olong the wall of the cobin obove the sid e window facilitates walking an the pantoan for fishing or swimming.

The bottoms are fiber-glassed, as are the sides up to 4 in. To-gether, the two hulls weigh 240 lbs. and account for a good chunk of the total 800-lb. weight.

Quarter-inch marine plywood is used for the cabin, too, and its sides are trimmed with ribbon grain mahogany. The roof is insulated with a half-inch laver of glass mat and is

covered with a textured marine plastic. Inside, the cabin measures 6 ft, 2 in, in both length and width and is 4 ft, 9½ in, in high. The sterdeck, which looks much like that of the average small outboard cruiser, is 46 in. long from the cabin door to the transom. The floor is 2 in, thick and is divided into nine chambers for additional floation.

"See Legs" Are the Key to the craft's amphibious ability. The "legs"—or pontoon booms—are hinged so that the pontoons can be stored atop the cabin for on-road travel, then lowered easily for water use (Fig. 2).

The L-shape booms are made of tough aluminum aircraft tubing, with the short end of the L fastened securely to the pontoon. The top of each L is hinged-fastened to a steel-support channel bolted to a corner of the cabin. By inserting spring tension retaining clips through holes in the channel and the boom, the boom can be locked in either the "down" or the "up" position (Fig. 3).

The Cee Camps are manufactured by Copeland Engineering Enterprises, North Hollywood, Calif. The model shown in the photos sleeps two persons and sells for \$1,385, less the outboard motor. Included in the price are two 6-ft.-long bunks and a folding table hinged to the front of the cabin. A threesleeper sells for \$1,495, and Copeland plans to sell (for \$235) a trailer which can be used to carry the craft if you don't have a pickup. (Incidentally, the Cee Camp has been rated as a "boat" by the Coast Guard, which means it is not subject to the Federal Excise Tax recently slapped on pickup campers of the land-only type.) Accessories available include a two-burner butane stove and tank, a compact sink unit, ice box, closet, riding lights, tackle cleats and pilot's seat,





With the croft ofloot, the motor can be lowered into the water from its trailing position. The Cee Camp shown here has a left-hand helm, but right-hand is also available. The steering harness used is exactly like that in an authorid cruiser.



View of cabin shows one of the bunks, with the hinged table lowered. Windows on the sides and front can be apened for ventilation. The cabin's occordion-like folding door has been removed.



Drawing shows the nucleorpawered salt water canversian plant to be built near San Diega, The uraniumburning reactor and the heat-exchanger bailer are housed in the large structure in the background. The salt water bailers and the larger distillation units are in the fareground. Between them, in the small, silo-like building, salt crystals ore added to the incamina salt water ta prevent scale farmatian. The plant's aperatian is shown in Fig. 3.

Drawing courtesy of the Fluor Corp., Ltd., Los Angeles, Calif.

De-Salting Sea Water with A-Power

Atomic power is being harnessed to solve the growing water shortage. Here's how it will help make sea water fresh

By JEAN CORCORAN

URING the past decade or so, salt water has been frozen and heated, shocked and spun, to convert it to fresh water to supplement our fast-shrinking supply.

Unfortunately, the cost of the power needed to operate the conversion processes has been far too high to make conversion practical.

Now, though, it appears that we have licked this problem by using a nuclear reactor method that produces both fresh water and electric power.

Working in company with the multi-stage flash distillation process of de-salting, the reactor will produce fresh water at about 42¢ per thousand gallons. Subtract from this the income from the sale of the electricity, and

A nuclear care—ar fuel charge—like this ane will power the San Diego selfs water conversion plant. The fuel, in a stainless steel container, is here being leavered interestee of Shippingparp, Fo. At the San Diego plant, the feel will be in an olominum container, of the state of

the final cost of the converted water will be brought down to about 20¢ for each thousand gallons.

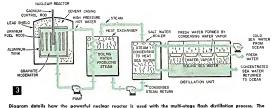
How does that figure compare to what the consumer pays today for fresh water pumped from the ground?

It looks very good indeed. The average household pays from 20¢ to 60¢ a thousand gallons for its water, according to the U.S. Department of the In-

That is, it pays that much when the water is available. Some communities in Texas, for example, have so little drinking water they pay 50¢ for a gallon jug of it.

St. Louis can find almost no ground water





research, heat exchanger and self works baller all help heat the incoming self works. The cold sea works from the ocean trovels through pipes to the said works baller, where candening steam heats it. The heated sea worker then pesses into the first vacuum chamber of the distillation unit, where reduced pressure course it has loll. Water vegor rises, leaving prince balled. This vapor his she cold sea water pipes and condens, producing fresh worker. Remaining brine ages shrough more vacuum chambers, with more fresh worker preducing fresh water. Remaining brine ages shrough more vacuum chambers, with more fresh worker preducing in each one, out all all the heat has been removed from the vaters and the brine is returned to the occan.

below the city, and Atlantic City must dig 10 ft. deeper for its water than it did 10 years ago.

In all, the United States uses about 240 billion gallons of water every day, and the U. S. Geological Survey says that in just 20 years the total will rise to 600 billion gallons.

At the end of those 20 years, many cities and towns will have to get all or part of their fresh water by converting sea or brackish water, predicts Fred G. Aandahl, Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Thus, the nuclear reactor convertions of the season of the season

sion method represents a crucial breakthrough.

The process was set up late last year, when the U. S. Office of Saline Water and the Atomic Energy Commission signed an agreement under which the AEC will operate the uranium-burning reactor in cooperation with the Interior Department's saline conversion plant to be built near San Diego, Calif. (Fig. 1). The first stage, the conversion plant, will be in operation by January, 1962, with the electric power plant scheduled for later.

Key to Low-Cost Conversion at the plant is the tremendous power that can be obtained from the reactor. One pound of uranium fuel, for instance, can do the work of 5 million pounds of coal or of 5 billion BTUs of natural gas.

How can uranium produce such energy?

How much water does it take?

It is not hard to see why we are running out of fresh water. Look how much of the precious liquid is used in these few ways:

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- 65,000 gallans to praduce of ton af highly finished steel,
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In essence, the process is a simple one, much like spontaneous combustion. Sawdust, for example, accumulates heat until it reaches kindling temperature and ignites itself.

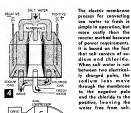
The requirement to start the "spontaneous combustion" of uranium fuel (U-235) is almost as simple. However, in this case you need a critical mass rather than a critical temperature. What this means is that "spontaneous combustion" of the atomic fuel takes place as soon as you assemble a lump of a certain weight (somewhere

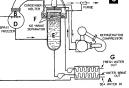
between 25 and 100 lbs.; the AEC is not saying exactly how much). That is all there is to it: a lump of U-235 somewhere in that weight range will fission and release an explosive force equal to 20,000 tons of TNT.

Now, what keeps the fuel burning? The answer in technical terms is "a self-multiplying chain reaction with neutrons." In everyday language, this means that when one uranium atom explodes, or splits, it not only releases great power but, as a result of the explosion, two or three neutrons fly away at great speed. These hit other uranium atoms, splitting them. This process continues, and soon billions upon billions of uranium atoms soon billions upon billions of uranium atoms on billions upon billions of uranium atoms around the self-manual soft but and the self-manual soft but and the self-manual soft but and the self-manual soft but some \$10 \text{million}\$ degrees above the self-manual soft but some \$10 \text{million}\$ degrees fabrushed:

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carefully into safe, uncritical masses before being put into the reactor in the form of rods. As these uranium rods are inserted, one by one, they build up weight inside the reactor. Finally, critical mass is attained, and fission begins to take place.

The uranium rods are suspended in graphie, which acts as a moderator to slow down fast neutrons. An aluminum tank surrounds the graphite and reflects escaping neutrons back into the fission process. In the center of the reactor are cadmium control rods, which are lowered to absorb neutrons and retard the reaction—or raised to speed it.

Water is circulated in pipes through the core of the reactor, to act as a coolant. If this water is allowed to become very hot—by adjustment of the control rods—it can be

used to generate steam for turbines and the production of electric power.

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At first, while just the initial stage of the plant is in operation, the heat from the reactor will be used only to boil sea water and convert it to fresh (Fig. 3).

Converting Salt Water. As mentioned, heat is removed from the reactor through the coolant pipes. This water, which becomes very hot, is prevented from boiling by keep-

ing it under high pressure.

The hot water is pumped through pipes into a chamber called a heat exchanger. Water

in the heat exchanger is not kept under pressure, so it boils. This boiling produces steam,

sure, so it boils. This boiling produces steam, which is then passed through more pipes to a heater containing sea water. The steam condenses, heating the sea water, which then passes on into the multistage flash distillation chamber.

The distillation process is a standard one.

The heated sea water is introduced into the first chamber of the large distillation unit, where a pressure just below the boiling point of the hot brine is maintained. When the brine enters this chamber, the reduced pressure causes part of the liquid to immediately boil-or flash-into vapor. This vapor hits the cold pipes carrying sea water into the plant from the ocean, and it condenses-producing fresh water. The remaining brine, meanwhile, passes through a series of similar chambers at successively lower pressures, where the flash process is repeated at progressively lower temperatures. In each chamber the flash vapor condenses and forms more fresh water. Finally, all the heat has been removed from the salt water, which is then sent back into the ocean.

Scale Problem Solved. Another stumbling block that has been overcome besides the power cost is the formation of scale in the pipes. In previous systems, the pipe-clogging scale formed when salt was precipitated out of solution.

But it has been found, surprisingly enough, that adding salt crystals to the raw, incoming sea water will solve this problem.

The crystals flow through the pipes, with the sea water, and the saline water deposits its own salt on them instead of on the walls of the evaporator or the pipes.

The plant will be able to produce I million gallons of fresh water a day, at the initial cost of 42°c a thousand, with the cost dropping to 20°c once sale of electric power begins. In contrast, another conversion method under study—the membrane process—will cost at least 60°c per thousand (Fig. 4), while \$1 per thousand is the best that can be done so far with an experimental freezing process (Fig. 5).

It appears that nuclear fuel can not be beat as the power key to fresh water shortages.

Lunar Explorers May Ride in Squirrel Cage

SPACE explorers may roll around the moon's surface in a squirrel cage-type vehicle much like this

Once a space craft lands on the moon, the collapsible Moor Sac would be inflated, then equipped to house and provide for explorations by a two-man team. The inflating gas would also serve as an atmosphere and allow natural breathing, speaking and eating.

The lightweight, barbell-shaped vehicle was designed by Scully-Anthony Corp., a division of Scully-Jones Co., Chicago,



Cutoway drawing of proposed moon vehicle shows how two-man teom would provide mobile power through treadmill-type foot operation. Hand ropes would help men maintain balance. To turn the Moon Sac, one man would keep walking, while his portner remains stationary.

Electronic Leash Shocks Sense Into Fido

A N electronic device, called *Electro-Leash*, can literally shock sense into your pooch—shaping him into a show dog or simply teaching him to behave around the house.

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The obedience trainer consists of a palmsized, transistorized pulse generator, 50 feet
of wire which also serves as the leash and a

dog collar with two tiny electrodes.

Electro-Leash in hand, you don't have to yell at your pooch or brandish a whip. If he bee-lines for the sofa or starts to chase a car, you merely press a button—and he's stopped short by a harmless electric shock.

The device's inventor, Gail Lee-of Tucson, Arizona's, Lee Brothers, who have bred and trained some of the U. S.'s finest dogs—says that psychologically, electronic obedience is the best thing that ever happened to a dog—and its master.

"With whipping," explains Gail, "your dog associates his hurt with you, his master. But a quick shock out of the blue is anonymous and carries no stigma to mar master-canine relations."

The Lees have been pulse-teaching their

The Lees have been pulse-teaching the dogs for the past several years.

Redesigned and built by industrial engineer Max Gottschalk, Electro-Leash uses a 22-volt battery to slow-charge a capacitor through a 5000-ohm resistor. Press the control button, and the built-up voltage discharges as an inductive kick-pulse through a transformer.

Gottschalk's Godesca Company staff in



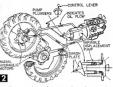
Dachshund looks at pulse generator in hand of its trainer. Around its neck is special collor with two small electrodes to apply harmless shock. The device costs about \$30.

Tucson spent days running resistance tests on more than 40 breeds of dogs before coming up with a just-right pulse that would sting but not harm. They found that dog skin resistance varies between 5000 and 18,000 ohms. the average being about 10,000.

Trainers, quick to adopt the electronic teaching method, report they can teach show dogs to sit, stand and heel in less than 15 minutes. And without once raising their voices—or hands—in anger.—JAMES JOSEPH.

Experimental Tractor Has No Gears





The experimental system has three major ports: A pair of radial hydroulic maters and a variable displacement pump (coupled directly to the engine) which furnishes pressure energy to the system. By changing the angle of the sweakplicht, the control lever can lengthen or shorten the strekes of nine plungers, thus increasing or culting frector speed. With the lever in advantal, the support of the service of the control of the control of the couple of the server so a broke on the wheel.

This International 340 utility tractor once cantained all the parts lying beside it. An experimental hydrostotic transmission now replaces the geors, reor oxle, brakes and clutch and the main frome cosing that held tham.

NSTEAD of gears, oil under high pressure operates the transmission of this experimental tractor.

In its hydrostatic transmission system, the freely flowing oil transmits power by acting on pistons in radial hydraulic motors in the driving wheels (Fig. 2). The pistons act on an eccentric which serves as a crankshaft, converting hydraulic power to torque.

Because the oil is nearly incompressible, it makes for a positive connection between the engine and the wheels, according to researchers who developed the tractor at International Harvester Co., Chicago, Ill. Unlike hydrokinetic drives like those in cars, the tractor's drive has no slippage between engine and wheels, thus its response to con-

trols is immediate.

Once the tractor engine is started, a single lever near the steering wheel starts forward or reverse motion and controls speed. The change from forward to reverse requires a corresponding movement of the lever, while moving it to neutral brakes the tractor.

Thermometer Aids Scientific Fishing

THIS underwater thermometer will help anglers spot the waters where fish usually are found

It comsists of a sensor attached by 40 ft of line to a plastic case containing the temperature dial. To operate it, you turn on the switch, lower the sensor overboard (there are foot markings on the line) and watch the dial until the temperature you are looking for appears. Large-mouth bass, for example, prefer 70° water. Called the Aqua-Fup, the rig is made by Thermo Products Co, Inc., Milwaukee, Wis, and sells for \$19.50.





Amphicar Travels on Water or Land

PART boat and part car, this German import recently made its American debut. Dubbed the Amphicar, it has a self-supporting floating body—162 in. long overall, on an 80-in. wheelbase.

50-in. wheelbase.

Its 4-cylinder 39-hp motor is water cooled
and has four fully synchronized forward
speeds and one reverse for on-land operation.
For on-water drive, a switch operates twin
propellers in the rear at forward or reverse

speed.

The manufacturer says it will give 32 mpg on land and use about 2 gals, per hour on the water. The importer is Amphicar Corporation of America, New York, N. Y.



Resonant Bending Cuts Pipe Test Time

YEARS of fatigue are compressed into minutes in a new pipe-testing method called resonant bending.

In this method, a length of pipe set to vibrating in its natural resonance frequency literally shakes itself until it cracks from fatigue.

Pipe fittings with steel walls a half-inch thick can be vibrated to the point of failure in less than half an hour, according to the Tube Turns Division of Chemetron Corp., Louisville, Ky., the company that developed the procedure. This 30 minutes simulates the stresses and strains found in years of use in industrial plants and cross-country pipelines.

The new method is five to six times faster than techniques which use mechanical means or water pressure to bend the pipes, according to research engineers at Chemetron



Research engineers here are inducing vibration in a 4-in, carban steel pipe at about 4,300 cycles per minute. Pressure inside pipe decreases when fatigue crack accurs, automatically stapping experiment and permitting measurement of cycles up to failure.



Pivot-Top Desk



HREE forms of hardboard on simple framing combine to make up this attractive and economical pivot-top desk which can extend in any direction from its cabinet base as in Fig. 1, expand its overall length (Fig. 2) or swing around it completely when minimum space is desired as in Fig. 3.

The design makes lavish use of ¼-in tempered hardboard yet with economy in mind. You can cut all the pieces from one 4x8+ft. sheet if you follow the pattern outlined in Fig. 4. Small stock pieces given in Materials List are ample for the perforated hardboard sliding doors and storage compartment sidewalls, as well as for the %-in. hardboard which is adaptable for a simplified method of drawer constructions.

Be sure to order the 2% and 1%-in. lumber to length specified in the Materials List—or double it—for more economical cutting. And plan to rip all wider pieces of lumber from a 7½-ft. length of 1 x 123-in. (nominal size) pine. The little

Desk top affers a 48-in, wide wark surface and swings to any position around cabinet. In this setting, slightly more than a right angle, girl can slide left-hand door and pull out either drower without leaving ar moving her chair.



Extended to full 62-in. length, the pivot-tap desk is an appropriate setting for decorative displays and becames an effective room divider.



When not in use, desk can be swung completely over cabinet to save space, yet still serve as attractive furniture piece. Note adequate storage.

scrap remaining will come in handy if you spoil one of the narrower pieces.

Base Cabinet Assembly. Make frames for the cabinet top, base, center divider and both ends according to dimensions given in Fig. 5A, using 21/2-in.-wide stock for bottom front rail, top and bottom center crosspieces and the three front posts, and 1%-in. boards for all other pieces. Square each joint, clamp and secure with corrugated fasteners.

Attach end frames to side edges of bottom frame with 8d finishing nails. To fasten center divider in position, turn over assembly and nail through bottom of crosspiece. Right the assembly again, place top frame over divider frame, square with end pieces and nail. Plumb the divider and nail

top to it. Locate drawer guides as in Fig. 5B

and tack in position temporarily, ends flush

with outside edge of rear posts. To install legs, drill 1/4-in. dia, holes through the base frame 2 in. from each edge at corners, countersink and drive T-nuts in place as in Fig. 5C. Screw legs up tight. If you wish to turn the legs in your lathe, follow dimensions in Fig. 5C. If you buy legs with brackets for undercabinet attachment instead of hanger bolts, be sure that overall length of

bracket and leg is 4 in. Applying the Hardboard, Saw a 221/16 x 48-in. piece off an end of the 4 x 8-ft. tempered hardboard for the desk top and put it aside. Now turn back of cabinet up, place one end of the remaining sheet on the back in position shown in Fig. 4, mark off two remaining sides and saw off piece to cover framing. Glue and brad piece in place, smooth side out. Smooth any rough edges flush to frame.

It's best to place hardboard against the work, marking and cutting each piece as you go, in the same position shown for it in Fig. 4. With a different layout, you may need to buy more hardboard to complete your cutouts. Marking from the work instead of trusting to the exact sizes in the plan will give a better fit if there is any deviation in the framing.

Mark pieces to cover end frames plus edge of back panel, cut and install as above. Sand edges flush. Turn cabinet up again, mark off, cut and install top, and smooth edges. Cut panel for storage area bottom, aligning front with outside edge of center post as in Fig 5A. Glue and fasten with brads

To make the pivot box (Fig. 5D), cut two 91/2 x 91/2-in, blocks, clamp together to centerbore a 1/2-in. hole. Out of the remaining tempered hardboard pieces, cut sides to dimensions given in Fig. 5D, then assemble box with glue and brads. Glue box to cabinet top over storage area, 6 in, from front, side and

CABINET TOP CABINET BACK PANEL 11 22 X 36" 19₹ x 35‡" DESK TOP 2-4k × 10" 2-4 x 92 PIVOT BOX SIDES AR! 22 X 48" STORAGE ADJUST-AREA CABINET END PANELS ARI F воттом 2-193 x 22" SHELF |16분 x 20분 |16분 x 20분"| GUIDE TO MAKE ALL € TEMPERED HARDBOARD

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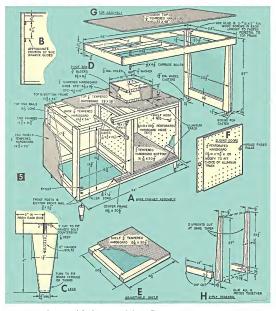
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rear edges of the top. Brad from underneath. Divide the 1/8-in. perforated hardboard sheet into 18 x 201/2-in. panels with holes in alignment, then glue and brad to each side of compartment as in Fig. 5A. Make the adjustable shelf as shown in Fig. 5E and place on shelf hooks installed in the perforated liners. If too tight, sand shelf side edges slightly for a snug fit. Install the deep two-channel aluminum

track to underside of top frame and the shallow track on bottom frame, placing both pieces against edge of the center post as in Fig. 5A. Glue and brad filler strip to bottom frame against inside of track in drawer section of cabinet. Cut door panels from 1/4-in. perforated hardboard to size given in Fig. 5F so that hole patterns align and edge margins are similar. Install brass door pulls. Insert a pańel in each top channel and drop into place in löwer track.

Desk Top Assembly. Cut pieces for the top frame out of 25%-in. stock to sizes given in Fig. 5G, square ends and secure with two 8d finishing nails at each joint. Nail in a 2 x 4



crosspiece in that part of the frame intended to go over the pivot box, drill a ½-in. dia hole through exact center of crosspiece and countersink for head of a carriage bolt, as in Fig. 5C.

To make the pedestal, rju out of wide stock a pair of 27-in. legs and another pair 23½ in. long, tapering the widths to dimensions given in Fig. 51. Ryp a 3½-in. wide piece 20½ in. long and another 14 in. long, angling the latter cuts 94′ as in Fig. 51. Glue the six pieces as the control of the control of

stall casters.

Now you can attach the pedestal to the top frame. Place leg ends against inside corners flush with top as in Fig. 5G, and fasten with #12 x 2-in. fh (flathead) screws, one into each adjoining rail.

Insert a ½ x 4½-th. carriage bott through the frame's 2 x 4 crosspice and add a ½-in. thick washer for a spacer as in Fig. 5D and G. Attach top frame to cabinet by passing bott through pivot box and cabinet top, slip on a washer and lock-washer, then tighten with a nut. Gue and brad previously cut tempered hardboard banel, smooth side un, to top of frame. Carefully sand any overhang flush to frame.

Drawer Construction. Except for the fronts, all drawer parts are %6-in. hardboard used two-ply for sides and back, singleply for bottoms and file drawer partition.

Cut two pieces of the thin hardboard for each drawer to dimensions in Fig. 6. Note that one ply of back is % in. longer than the other. Put matching pieces together, smooth faces out, glue and nail with %-in. brads at a slight angle so points will not break through the

two-ply. Clamp until dry. Cut single-ply drawer bottoms and the partition out of the thin hardboard sheet to sizes in Fig. 6. Cut the fronts out of wide pine stock to sizes shown.

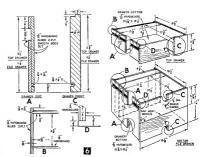
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If you prefer, you can make all these mortises and rabbets with straight cuts through the single-ply hardboard, but this involves extremely accurate measurement and cutting to assure that each piece will fall in place just right for gluing.

To assemble, glue all pieces well at joints, then apply back to a side, slip drawer bottom in grooves, attach other side and finally, the front panel. For added strength, brad sides to front panel at rabbets and, from underneath, brad through panel and drawer bottom. Slightly bevel side edges of partition and slide it into place in file drawer.

Place completed drawers in cabinet and adjust drawer guide position. Screw guides in place and install knobs.

Set all exposed nail heads, putty the holes, sand surfaces smooth and your pivot-top desk is ready for a wide selection of finishes. We chose a dramatic three-color treatment, staining the desk frame to blend with the hardboard and then coating the whole top with lacquer; applying a semi-gloss, mediumgrey enamel to cabinet and pedestal and, for contrast, touching up the drawers and doors in a flat off-white.



Will It Balance?

 Cut this pipe-like form out of %-in.
 soft pine and sand a w a y the saw marks. Your friends will say it is impossible to balance it



on the end of your finger as shown, and they will be partly right. But after they have been properly baffled, take your belt and loop it over the pipe. The center of gravity thus shifted produces a fine optical illusion of impossibility, but the pipe will balance. Try it! —FLEANORE ENGELS.

Fence Cover-Up

 You can add privacy to a woven wire fence or screen out unsightly areas, yet permit air and sunlight to enter, by inserting 1-in-



wide strips of Masonite % in. Tempered Presdwood through the openings. The weather-resistant slats needn't be painted.

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Brushed-on metal finish makes conversation piece of table lamp built fram scrap wood.

Alumicrafting New Faces on Shop Projects

By R. J. De CRISTOFORO

YOU can apply a dramatic metallic finish to wood, metal, glass, plastic, leather, cloth—you name it—as easily as you can paint a board.

Cold coatings such as Plastic Aluminum used here are ready to use in squeeze-out tubes or bulk containers you can buy in most hardware stores. You can color the material and dilute or thicken it to provide several other finishes. Here are some "alumicrafting" possibilities:

Making a Lamp. The structure in Fig. 1 was made of scrap wood and treated with a green-tinted, aluminum



finish. To duplicate it, use any wood handy which can be sized to dimensions indicated in Fig. 7. Be sure it is dry. Any joint separation after assembly will show up You'll find the brass fittings and completely assembled harp (Materials List) in the electrical supply department of most hardware and department stores. You can buy the parts to make the buy the parts to make the subject of the raw materials.

Put parts 1 and 2 together first, using plenty of glue and 1½ in. finishing nails. Part 3 can be any block of wood; it's there to add weight. Before nailing it in place, drill a %-in. center hole for the lamp cord.

Next, cut parts 4 and 5 and drill %-in. holes through the center of each. Glue mating surfaces and assemble by passing the threaded tube

Light buffing adds luster to boby shaes, metallized without electroploting.



For striking 3-D effect, apply directly from tube and spread with knife or spatula.



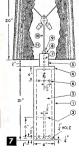
"Customizina" plain hardware.

through the hole and secure with upper and lower nuts. Be sure that 1/2 in. of tube projects above top nut.

Glue assembly to pedestal and nail. Set all nails, fill holes, attach upholstery



Diluted plastic aluminum brushed against top edges flows to simulate candle drippings.



tacks and you are ready for the aluminum finish

Squeeze out 1/4 tube of Plastic Aluminum into glass dish or ash tray. Sprinkle with dry bronzing powder (we used green) and blend well with snatula until aluminum colors to tone desired. Add acetone by spoonful and keep mixing until aluminum is of creamy consistency. Apply with a fairly stiff 1/2-in, brush. If mixture begins to harden as you work, mix in a little more acetone.

Candle-Drip Effect. When the initial application has dried 10 hours, treat the pedestal top with the thin aluminum mix described later for use with baby shoes. Pick up a liberal amount of this with a smooth artist's brush and squeeze it off along the pedestal's top edges (Fig. 6). The liquid will run part way down the sides, then harden to resemble candle drippings.

After 24 hours, rub the entire lamp base with steel wool. You can burnish the whole surface or just hit the high spots. The latter is most effective when the lamp is lit.

Metallizing Baby Shoes. Here's a very effective metallic finish without electroplating. Prepare shoes by cleaning with soap and water, drying and, if very smooth, scuffing slightly with sandpaper. Tie laces tightly and secure them with tiny pieces of tape. Stuff shoes with wads of newspaper, but not so tightly that you remove the wrinkles that add much charm to the final appearance.

Place about 4 tablespoonfuls of acetone in a glass dish. Squeeze about 1/4 tube of the aluminum into acetone. Blend with spatula

until aluminum absorbs all liquid. Pour another spoonful of acetone to cover the mixture, but do not mix in. Use a soft bristle brush to paint

successive thin coats on shoes (Fig. 8). The acetone film over this thin mixture assures a smooth, quick-drying application so you can work from shoe to shoe and build up a thick coat guickly. If you want color, mix it in with the aluminum before adding acetone. After 4 or 5 coats, let the shoes dry at least 24 hours. If leather is not stiff and hard, add a few more

> MATERIALS LIST-LAMP Size and Description x 6 x 201/4" pine ½ x 41/2 x 6" pine (or fir) x 6 x 6" pine x 41/2 x 201/4" pine x 6 x 201/4" pine 1 pc x 6 x 6" pine /4 x 2½ x 3¾" pine (roundhead) uphol upholstery tacks threaded brass tube brass nuts (for tube) brass coupling 2-socket harp

shade

coats. When dry, buff lightly with red jeweler's rouge (Fig. 3), clean with soap-impregnated steel wool, then buff again without a polishing agent.

Making Costume Jewelry. The finish for shoes is equally appropriate for creating costume jewelry by coating leaves and similar delicate items (Fig. 9). If leaves are dry, they will be easier to handle.

Coat one side of a leaf first and let it dry, heavy coat with several thin applications to avoid hiding texture and veins. It can then be used as a pin, pendant or earring merely by attaching a finding on the back side, using some aluminum from the tube as an adhesive.

For a Reel Heavy Lock such as that appearing on the box and candle holder in Fig. 4, squeeze the plastic metal from tube directly onto the project. Spread with spatula, dipping it occasionally into acetone. Don't smooth the coating: layers should vary from the boatout 1/6 in. Let dry 24 hours, then sand lightly for highlishted effects.

For the antique finish on cover of box in Fig. 4, follow this procedure but before sanding, dip cloth in acetone and then in lamp black. Rub the black over aluminum coating, letting it pile up in crevices and depressions. Sand lightly. You can substitute dry bromzing powder in color desired for the lamp

black.

Customizing Hardware. You can convert cold-style door and cabinet hardware into expensive looking, custom designs with any of the aluminum finishes (Fig. 5). Treat screw or bolt heads the same way. Since the material is weatherproof, you can use it on outdoor hardware.

Simple inlays. Working with plastic aluminum, you can get a really smooth metal strip on wood lathe projects such as the bowl in

Fig. 2.

The the bowl like any conventional lathe project (Fig. 10A). When completely finished and sanded, turn in a dovetail groove for the metal band (Fig. 10B). With lathe still, apply aluminum directly from tube into the groove (Fig. 10C). Press in firmly with spatula or screwdriver tip until groove is half filled. Leave surface rough, let dry 24 hours and then fill in remaining space.



Several thin applications build up thick coat without destroying detail.



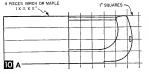
Coating leaves is quick, economical way to make attractive costume jewelry.

After another 24 hours, sand to remove excess material as bowl turns in lathe. Stop lathe when inlay is flush with surface and turn bowl by hand to check.

Small holes and pits are easily fixed with spot applications of the aluminum. But you can add much charm to the inlay by allow-

ing some holes to remain.

Coution: You can buff these finishes as you would any metal, but go lightly when coating is thin, such as leaves, or you may remove the coating. Use steel wool for highlighted effects and a wire brush for a satin finish. If desirable, you can protect these finishes with satin-finish varnish or lacquer.









Build it yourself for \$100, a savings of \$500 over a similar factory-built job

By HOWARD ZIEGLER

Craft Print Project No. 309

BUILT with a roof that can be quickly raised and lowered, this pickup camper will give you the stand-up headroom of a large, heavy camper. Yet it still retains the driving advantages of the small camper which folds down for traveline.

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Because of its light weight and sturdy construction, you can take to the rough off-sturding to the study of the study of

State white the third pickup camper body. I have built and used in the past 15 years, I tried to incorporate all of the good and none of the bad features of the too large or too small pickup campers. For example, we have two good-size bunks (Fig. 4) with ample stand-up dressing room; a galley with ice box, stove and food storage cabinet (Fig. 5); a stove and food storage cabinet (Fig. 5); a need indoors during cool or rainy weather; a cabinet to keep our clothes clean when traveling and a large bedding storage chest that serves as a seat.

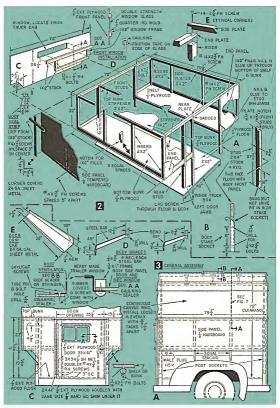
If you care to line the storage chest with sheet metal and provide a drain through the camper floor as we did, you'll have a private bathtub which is a luxury when roughing it far from civilization.

Although we built this camper body for our 1953 Ford pickup truck, you can alter the size of the parts to suit the make and model pickup truck you have. Follow the general assembly procedure but measure and cut each part as you assemble it, taking the dimensions directly from your pickup truck body.

Making the Camper Body. Start by checking the basic dimensions of the framework (Fig. 2). Note that the whole structure is built around four studs (Fig. 2A) which fit in the pickup body post sockets. First, make the studs from 2x4-in. stock (actually 1½ x 3% in.), notching the lower 12 in. to fit the body socket and to place the face of the stud flush with the outside surface of the truck body ends. The lower ends of the studs should make a snug fit in the sockets. Don't make them so tight that you have to drive them in. Notch the upper ends of the studs to receive the 1½ x 1½,-in. plates.

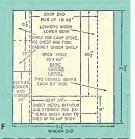
Next cut the front panel to size as in Fig. 2C. Location of the window opening will depend on location of the window in the pickup cab so don't cut the opening until the panel has been temporarily clamped on the studs. Use a level to get the studs plumb and mark the stud locations on the panel. Then

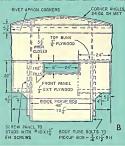
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remove the panel and studs from the body and fasten panel to studs with #10 x 134-in. th screws spaced 4 in, apart. Saw the window opening before you return the panel to the pickup.

Make the window frame as in Fig. 2D and bolt it to the front panel. If the height of the window in your cab won't permit use of the upper window frame member, let the upper plate act as the top window frame member. Be sure to wrap the edges of the glass with friction tape before installing and use a generous seam of caulking between the glass and the retaining mouldings (Sec. A-A in Fig. 2D). If you prefer, you can hold off on window installations until the whole job is done. This might save some broken glass.







Knockdown table provides indoor eating accommodotions on cold or rainy days. Cobinet doors cover storage space under bunks at left side. Padded lid in large starage chest serves as a seat and step-up to upper bunk.

If you plan to cover the truck floor with 1/2-in, plywood, this should be installed now. Since pickup floors vary, you'll have to choose a type of fastener for the job. If the pickup floor has wooden slides, you can use flat head wood screws. Otherwise you'll probably have to holt it down

Install the two rear studs in the body sockets and notch the tops of them for the plate as you did the front studs. Notice that both the front and rear plates (Fig. 2E) are notched at each end to half-lap with the side plates. The rear plate is also dadoed to receive the left-hand door jamb. When installing the door jambs, fasten the left hand one with the top screw and bottom lag screw, and the right hand one directly to the stud. If necessary, use a shim between right jamb and stud when fastening them together above the truck box.

Next, install the lower bunk on the left side and the shelf on the right side (Fig. 2). Use temporary cleats to keep these in position while you drill and install the bolts that fasten them to the pickup body. Use ten 3/16 x 21/4-in. fh bolts, equally spaced, on each along the centerline of the rolled top edge of the pickup body (Fig. 3C).

At this point you have enough of the parts installed to provide a means of checking following parts for fit. Cut and fit the side plates next. Remember, these are notched at each end to form the half-lap joint with the front and rear plates. Cut corner and side risers to fit. Notch the bottom end of the side risers only to fit over the 1 x 2-in, fills that run along



Galley and clathes lacker is an shelf at right side af camper body. Fresh water tank is strapped on right running board (Fig. 14), where it is easily refilled when traveling.

the outside edge of the lower bunk and shelf (Fig. 2). Then install the fills, Attach these to shelf and bunk with glue and nails driven up from the bottom. You can clamp these pieces in place while you nail them. Îoe-nail where a fill meets a vertical member. Use glue and $#14 \times 2\%$ -in. fh screws to secure plates to top ends of risers.

Now you can install the %-in, hardboard side panels. Set them up temporarily by tacknailing. Then drill and countersink for #4 x 34-in. fh screws, locating them 5 in. apart. You can cover the left and right hand side at the rear now or leave it till later. In any event, panels are butted at the corners. The butt is covered with sealer and then a bead of sealer is put down on each flange of the

corner covers.

These sheet-metal covers (Fig. 2) can be bent over the edge of a workbench. Be sure, when you take up on the screws that hold them in place, that you have installed enough sealer so excess is squeezed out. The 34-in. plywood top bunk merely rests on the framework and is screwed to it and to the stiffener that runs along its inside edge.

Now is a good time to make and install the body braces (Fig. 3D). Hacksaw these to length and bend in a vise. Heating the bend area with a blow torch will make the job easier. Best bet is to cut to length, make bend at one end, check on pick-up body, make second bend, then drill attachment holes. Use the bent-up braces (held in place) as a template to drill holes through pickup body and underside of bottom bunk and shelf.

Roof Assembly. This is a separate assembly that you can fabricate on a bench or floor of the shop. Before you do anything else, be sure to measure and mark down the length and width dimensions of the camper body

MATERIALS LIST-PICKUP CAMPER No. Rea. Size, Description and Use 1/2" x 4' x 8' exterior fir plywood for floor, front panel, 3 hunk, shelf and roof ribs
\(\setminus \) '\(\setminus \) 'exterior fir plywood for door
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"4 x 36" in strews for attaching sheet metal
"4 x 36" in strews for attaching hardbeard
"10 x 134" in strews for plates to risers
#110 x 134" in strews for plates to risers
#14 x 2" in strews for plates to risers
#14 x 2" in strews for plates to risers
#14 x 2" in strews for rear plate to left door Jamb
#12 x 11/4" fis screws for bunk and shelf to risers
36" large-band dacks for securing canwas 34" large-head tacks for securing canvas 11/4" finishing nails for seal strip 3/6" x 3/4" fh stove bolts for tube brackets 1/1" x 10" fh stove bolts for roof clips 1 40 20 14 36 8 1/4" x 2/4" machine bolts for studs to pickup
1/4" x 2/4" rubber seal strip with adhesive for door, avail-8 13 ft able at auto supply store tubes of Plasticel sealer or Red-i-seal, available at auto 4 ply store or house trailer supply house 10" x 18" assembled house trailer windows, available from

and jamb latch, available at trailer supply house you have just built so you can make the roof assembly to fit your particular job.

house trailer roof ventilator, available from

camper box spreader bar door lock with locking handle

trailer supply house 10" x 12" house t

trailer supply house

As we've designed it, inside clearance is 72 in. from the floor to the stringers. If you need more, just increase the vertical dimensions of the top headers and side stringers. Of course you will also have to compensate for other parts such as the side and end aprons. The central area of the roof is designed flat which makes the skylight installation a simple matter.

Start by making full-size cardboard templates of the header and roof rib as in Fig. 7A. Use the cardboard templates to draw around when laying out the pieces on 1/2-in. plywood. One way to cut these ribs so all will be alike in shape and size is to nail the stock together one on top the other and cut them all simultaneously by stack-sawing on a band saw. If you want to economize on material, however, carefully lay out each rib close together on a single sheet of plywood and cut them out one at a time.

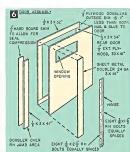
The best way to determine the true length of the roof stringers is to mock up the headers flush with the front panel on the camper body and the outside surface of the rear wall. Add \% in, to the distance between headers and allow for a \% in, overhang at the sides. Cut the roof stringers to length and bevel the two dege ones to match the contour of the header.

When assembling, start with the roof stringers, ridge and headers, attaching these to each other and to the end ribs. This will establish the flat area and also the curve which the ribs

must meet.

Assemble the ribs to the stringers with clips (Figs. 7 and 11, Sec. A-A). Make the clips as in Fig. 7B and fasten with $\%_0 \times 1$ -in. ηh bolts. When installing the ribs, use a straight board placed across the roof ends to assemble the top edges of the ribs flush with each other.

Covering the Top. Set the roof assembly on saw horses or on a flat surface and cut the ½-in. hardboard cover slightly oversize. Worry about the skylight cut-out later. Apply sealer on roof ends, outer stringers and ridge. Start fastening along the splice line with #4 x ¾-in. fh screws spaced 3 in. apart, and work from that point toward the outer edges. To bend the hardboard to fit the contour, use a 2 by 4 and clamps across the sheet, clamping it down just ahead of each set of screws. This will produce a well-shaped, tight-fitting



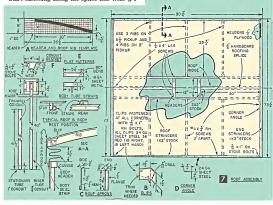
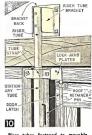






Fig. 8. To raise or lower the roof, cer bumper jack with wooden Trouth extension blotted to it is placed at center of comper floor. Roof is then lacked in raised position as in Fig. 11 and car jack removed. Fig. 9. Interior view of door showing purchased house trailer window and door lack. Spreader bors of lack engage holes in jamb plates as in Fig. 11.



Riser tubes fostened to movoble roof slide within stationary tubes fostened to lower comper body. Retainer pins inserted through holes in both tubes lock roof in closed position shown.

cover. Make the ventilator cut out with a saber saw or a key hole saw. Coat the splice itself with sealer and then cover with 1 x 1-in. roof splice covers.

Since the roof aprons (Fig. 7C) are difficult to make neathy without a bending brake, try having them made at your local sheet-metal shop. Take the apron length dimensions directly from your assembled roof. Delay installation of the aprons until the roof riser system is in place.

Details of the bracket parts and riser tubes are given in Fig. 1F, and the actual set-up is shown in Fig. 10. First cut the stationary tubes to length. These are not difficult to locate since they abut the body study; the straps which hold them in place can be shaped on the job. Cut the material as in Fig. 7E, secure one end to the stud (Fig. 10) and then bend the remainder to fit.

Place the riser tubes in the stationary tubes and put the roof in place temporarily. Be sure the roof is accurately positioned and blocked up to be 31/2 in, above the body. Remember to allow for the thickness of the upper bunk on that side. Each of the riser tubes should be centered in the stationary tubes. You can do this with small pieces of wood acting as shims. The riser tube bracket parts can be made around a scrap piece of riser tube. The semi-circular seat for the riser tube can be made by slicing a short length of 1-in, tube in half lengthwise, and welding this to bent up sides. Again it might be more convenient to have this part made for you, especially since welding is required.

Clamp the bracket back in position and then place the riser tube bracket in place against the riser tube. Mark the location of the tube seat on the bracket back and have it welded accordingly. Follow this same procedure with each riser tube and brackets sembly. When this is done you can attach riser tubes to brackets and brackets to headers. Then remove the blocks which were holding the roof up.

Lay out 4¼ in. from the top of the stationary tube and drill a % in. hole through both tube and stud. Do this on all four tubes. Use some scrap lumber to raise and support the roof until inside clearance is 6 ft. for whatever height you require). Check distance from body top to roof in all four corners. All measurements should be equal. Now, using the holes already drilled in the stationary tube as a guide, drill through again to make the matching holding the roof in the raised position with the retainer pins (Fig. 10), which are 8 in. lengths of %-in. welding rod bent at a right angle at the center.

Installing the Cenves. Sew the canvas in the form of a large loop and when installing, be very careful to distribute excess evenly around the camper and allow for a vertical looseness of 1½ in. (Fig. 3A and 7, Sec. A-A). This is what we did and after two years of use, the canvas is now just snug and no more, of the roof. Fasten the bottom of the canvas to the top of the body with the body seat strips as in Sec. A-A, Fig. 7, Tack the canvas trips as in Sec. A-A, Fig. 7, Tack the canvas

down first, then attach strips with finishing nails. Remember to attach the door drip cap (Fig. 3E) over the door opening, before fastening down the canvas at this point.

Now lower the roof to closed position. Set the aprons in position and check for clearance on all sides. Install the end aprons first. Apply sealer generously under all flanges and bend the ends around the corners so that the side aprons will cover the end aprons. Install the side aprons mext. Fasten the corners of the aprons together with aluminum rivets. Next install the corner angles along the ends of the think of the corner angles along the ends of the corner and the corner at the corner at the center and the corner at the center and work out toward each edge.

Make the Doer as in Fig. 6. Be sure to check the size of the door opening on your camperbody so the door will be a good fit. The sheet metal doubler at the hinge is a precaution against bot pull-out. The hardboard shim under the jamb doubler will force the rubber to seal to half its original thickness and as-

sures a weather-proof closure.

The spreader-bar door lock (Fig. 9) is a standard item sold for camper boxes. But we installed ours vertically instead of horizontally. You may have to resize the bars because of this but that is a simple hacksaw job. When this is fitted, install the lock jamb plates (Fig. 10) so the door will have to be pulled tight to lock. These jamb plates should be mortised into upper plates and floor. When installing door window, apply caulking sealer and fasten to door with screws supplied with trailer window. Install the side panel window and roof ventilator similarly with the exception of reinforcing the 1/8-in. hardboard side panel with a 34 x 1 in. window frame on the inside (Fig. 3E).

To raise and lower the roof, use a standard car bumper jack with a T-crutch made from 13\% x 13\% in lumber bolted to it as in Fig. 8. It is important when lowering the roof to check and be sure the canvas ring is folded inside the camper body as in Fig. 12.

Knockdown Toble and Bothtub. Arrangement of storage cabinets, shelves and table can be varied to suit your individual needs. We equipped ours with a little knockdown table (Fig. 4) so we could eat indoors during rainy weather. A fold-up can't table would

serve as well.

The large storage box extending across the pickup truck body at the window end of the camper body (Fig. 2F) has a padded cover and is used as a seat. This is the storage box we lined with sheet metal for the bathtub. We fitted the area under the bath and the standard of the standard or rifles can be stored under the bunks.



Hinged screen is installed over ventilation opening to keep out insects. Dome light is wired to truck storage battery.



When lowering the roof convas must be folded and tucked inward so it will not become cought and pinched between oprons and sealing strips. Fresh water tank is stropped to running board.

The clothes locker, food cabinet and shelf or the camps stove, located at the right side of the camper (Figs. 2F and 5), are made of ½-in. plywood joined at the corners with 1 x 2-in. cleats. We mounted the ice box on ½-in. plywood which is fastened to metal drawer slides of the type used for pull-out phono turntables.

We finished both the interior and exterior with one coat of Firzite followed by one coat of enamel undercoater and one coat of exterior enamel. All galvanized sheet metal was washed with vinegar to etch the surface and given a coat of metal primer before enameling.

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By NORBERT PREHLER

ITH cold borrowed from your refrigerator or home freezer, this low-cost unit will cool a small bedroom, office or darkroom as rapidly as a 1/4-ton air conditioner

Cans of Dri-Cube (or an equivalent coolant) store up the cold from your refrigerator. and then serve as baffles around which incoming air is circulated by a blower.

In one test, the nine frozen coolant cans shown in Fig. 1 lowered the temperature of an 8 x 10 x 12-ft. bedroom about 10° F. within 20 minutes, and held this lower temperature for almost two hours. By then, the late evening outdoor air temperature had begun to drop enough so that sleep was undisturbed for the rest of the night.

Saw all cabinet parts from one 4 x 4-ft. piece of 3%-in, smooth plywood (Fig. 3). The 3/16in, holes along the bottom rear edge of the cabinet allow water condensing on the cans to drain. Assemble the bottom, back, side and front pieces using glue and small nails. Then waterproof the inside with a good marine varnish or paint. When the paint is dry, line the inside with aluminum foil, fastening it with rubber cement or tape. Fit the foil into the corners tightly so that the bottom of the box is completely protected against moisture. which drains to the rear.

Next install the baffles, which should also be painted and covered with foil. Make the air deflectors by bending light scrap metal around a 3-inch pipe. The cabinet shown in Fig. 1 was intended for either window use or with legs. For window use, cut spacers to make a tight fit, and fasten to the side of the cabinet with cleats and screws.

The blower is a Dayton #2C610, rated at 140 CFM. In free space, this rate of flow will change the air in a 10 x 10 x 8-ft, room every

MATERIALS LIST-ROOM COOLER

. Size and Description
94" x 4 x 4" lif plywood, smooth sides
Dayton 20510 110 VAC blowner or equal."
Wizard Dri-Cube cans, quart size. Mfr., Boyle-Midway, Inc.
DPDT togle switch

box hinges, 1/5" long and 13/" wide (when open)
15 x 24 x 5/6" sheet, U-Trim II, Owens Corning Fiberglas.
Available 39t, hardware stores.
(optional) time switch. See catalog, Lafayette Radio, 165-08
Libety Av., Jamaica 33, N. V.

Liberty Ave., Jamaica 33, N. Y.

4 1/2-20 x 1" botts and nuts with lock washers

1 9-foot appliance cord and plug
Misc. grille cloth, waterproof paint or varnish, sheet aluminum,

screen

A kit consisting of nine cans and the blower is available from the author, Norbert Prehler, 1625 N. Milwaukee, Chicago 47, III., \$17 plus shinoin.

five minutes. But the filter and cabinet will reduce the air flow to less than half of the blower rating, to give you an air change in about 15 minutes. Smaller furnace and ventilating blowers will give you a slower air change.

If blower noise is objectionable (the cabinet acts as a sounding box), mount the blower on grommets, sheet rubber, or felt. Locate the switch on the side and run the wire through the back wall to the motor. As an option, you can add a timing switch (available from electronic supply houses).

One type that sells for less than \$5 will turn the unit off after any preset time up to two hours; another timer would give you 24 hour control, turning the blower on at any desired hour.

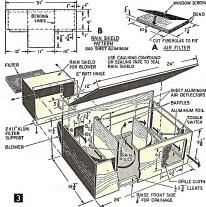
Tack a decorative grille cloth to the back side of the air opening. Cut the air filter (Fig. 3A) from a sheet of U-Trim-It, and make the filter holder by bending scrap window screen material. Use sheet aluminum to make the rain shield, (Fig. 3B), and waterproof the edge where it joins the cabinet. The sealed cool-

ant cans (available from local hardware dealers or from the author) contain a mixture which, on a weight



For fastest freezing, allow circulating space between the cans.

basis, has a cooling effect equal to dry ice. Of course, you could not use dry ice in your room cooler because of the fumes. Using a deep freeze compartment (Fig. 2), the cans will freeze in several hours. At +10°F, in an ordinary refrigerator, the quart can will freeze solid in 8 to 12 hours. But you can use the cans in the room cooler even if they are not frozer solid.



SHOP KINKS

Lathe Dog Drill Press Clamp

 A large lathe dog makes a handy clamp for holding round work on the drill press table.
 If you hold the tail of the dog with your free



hand, you can safely counteract the torque of small drills up to 1/4-in. For larger sizes, use more solid clamping methods.—H. J. Gerber.

Pocket Sheath for Linoleum Knife

• To carry a sharp linoleum knife safely and conveniently, make a sheath from three pieces of thin plywood, or heavy linoleum. Cut out the parts to fit around the knife as shown in the sketch and assemble with brads or glue.—

G. E. Hendrickson.



Ceramic Scratch Tool

 A small section of a hacksaw blade insert ed into a slot cut in the end of a strip of wood or dowel makes a very useful ceramic tool. A few strokes with this tool quickly prepares the surface of pieces to be joined together. Use fine and coarse-toothed hacksaw blades to make up a variety of scraping and decorating tools.





Adjustable Holder Angles Drill

 A discarded electric fan base makes an adjustable holder for your electric drill that will enable you to work with two hands, with the tool supported at any convenient angle. Make the strap of scrap



tin, or sheet metal, and use a bolt and wing nut to fasten it to the base.—J. A. Comstock.

Metal Fluxing Technique

• When soldering metal surfaces (especially aluminum), soldering flux is often needed to retard oxidation of the metal until the solder can be applied. A good way to apply the flux is to "charge" a wad of steel-wool with it and rub the metal surface briskly for several minutes. The rubbing produces a small amount it into the many thuy scratches in the metal made by the steel-wool. This fluxing technique roughens the surface and at the same time thoroughly saturates it with flux assuring a very good solder bond.

Reflections Guide 90° Saw Cut

• You can saw a right angle without marking it first with square and pencil, simply by watching the reflection of the edge of the board on the shiny surface of the saw. Move the saw handle (A) until the reflection lines form a straight line (B). The better the light, the better the reflection. A light wipe of oil on the blade helps you to see the reflection and improves the cut too—N. Engus. S.

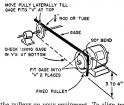




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Gage Simplifies Pulley Alignment

 With this gage made from a length of %-in. tubing or bar stock, you can line up pulleys exactly to obtain perfect operation with minimum belt wear. Make a sharp 90° bend in the metal and cut it long enough to straddle



the pulleys on your equipment. To align two pulleys, fit the bent end of the bar into the V at the top and side of one pulley. Then adjust the other pulley until the bar fits into the V on top. To check your alignment of pulleys, and shafts as well, repeat the test from beneath—W. C. WILHITE.

Removing Outdoor Rust Stains

• To remove rust from a cement patio or stains on siding caused by rusty nails, dissolve 1 part sodium citrate in 6 parts water, add 6 parts glycerine. Mix with powdered whiting to form a heavy paste. Spread a thick coating of the mixture on the stained area and allow to dry. Repeat treatment if necessary. Badly stained areas may require a week or more for complete removal.

Plastic Rubber Improves Chuck Grip

 If you find that the light knurling on the chuck of your drill makes it hard to get a good grip on large bits, coat the chuck with plastic rubber. The coating dries overnight, and provides a non-slip finger grip.—K. MURRAY.



Holder for Sawing Small Screws

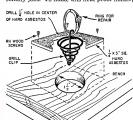
 With this holder, you can cut small screws to length and avoid dropping and losing them on the floor. Cut a tag of thin sheet aluminum, and drill holes to match common



thread sizes. Also drill a 3½-in. hole for hanging on the wall. To use the holder, thread the screw through a matching hole, turn on a nut, and grip the threaded end of the screw in a vise. Hold the tag while sawing. Removing the nut cleans the threads.—E. M. LOVE.

Grill Clip Clamps Small Parts

 This method of clamping rings to the bench while soldering and setting stones was used successfully by a jeweler, but it can be adapted to many other light soldering and assembly jobs. To make this heat-proof holder,



drill a ¼-in. hole in a piece of hard asbestos board. Mount it centered over a 1½-in. hole bored through the bench top. The hook of the radiator-clip protruding through the top firmly grips rings, and other small items. Work can be done at any point with both hands free to handle tools.—G. S. WILBITE.

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More SHOP KINKS

Scissors Double as Spanner Wrench

 The points of a scissors can double as a spanner wrench for removing retaining rings on a lens, and other light jobs. Secure the scissors legs, spread to the required span, be-



tween two blocks of wood tightly clamped with rubber bands. Allow the points to project just enough to engage the slots in the ring, and grip the wood strips while turning. —K. Murkay.

Broken Cut-off Wheel Makes Hand Stone

• Glue a broken segment of an abrasive cutoff wheel to a flat block of wood and you'll have a fine oil-stone for sharpening chisels, knives and other sharp tools. You can get abrasive wheels from the scrap department of any machine, since the wheels are unsafe to use whenever even minor flaws develop, and are quickly discarded—W. C. WILHITE.

Hatchet Safety Precaution

• Sometimes the handle of that hatchet so often used around the home can loosen. Unexpectedly it can fly off and cause a serious accident. Check the handle wedge, and for extra insurance drill a



tra insurance drill a hole through the side of the hatchet blade to take a flat headed screw.—C. E. Hendrickson.

Use Plastic Bag to Grease Bearings

 Packing ball and roller bearings with grease is a slow messy job, and you have to keep dirt and grit out. After cleaning the bearings, put them and the grease into a flexible plastic bag,



and you can keep your hands clean and do a better job too. Just knead the grease into the bearings working the outside of the bag with the fingers.—J KRILL.

Tubing Guards Chisel Edges

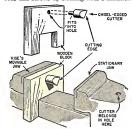
• If chisels are stored loosely in the tool box, or are kept lying on the bench, the edges can become dulled and nicked. Cut slots in short pieces of rub-



ber tubing just long enough to fit tightly over the ends of your chisels.—V. H. LAMOY.

Holder Improves Vise Cut-off

 If your vise has a removable chisel-edged rod cutter that fits the anvil, you can improve it by making this wood holder. Ordinarily, the cutter is used on the anvil to cut small rods and screws by striking with a hammer.



Hit the cutter too hard, and your sharp edge is spoiled. With the block shown in the sketch, you can place the work between the cutter and the stationary vise jaw, and use the screw to apply a powerful but controlled push to the cutting tool. The material is cut more accurately, and without danger of waste pieces flying through the air—A VENA.

Sharpening Food Chopper Cutters



 Sharpen up the blades on your food chopper, and instead of crushed fibrous pieces, you'll have neatly chopped juicefilled particles of vegetable and fruit And, your chopper will turn with less effort. First,

with less effort. First, remove the wing nut and cutting disc. Smear coarse valve grinding compound, or a paste of fine oil and emery powder on the side of the disc that contacts the four-bladed knife. Replace the disc, and slip a short spiral spring (or a thick rubber washer) on the shaft. Parly tighten the wing nut and then turn the chopper handle backwards. Gradually tighten the wingnut to increase pressure on the disc. Add more grinding compound and repeat the procedure until the blades are sharp. Use a strong detergent to remove all traces of oil and abrasive—W. C. WLHITE.

Chisel Holder Protects Hands

 A cold chisel holder made of a length of garden hose will protect your hands from glancing blows. Cut a 2-in. slot near one end of a 15-in. piece of the rubber hose, to fit the chisel handle. Then fit a length of wood dowel into



of wood dowel into the long end of the hose to serve as a rigid handle.—H. E. Moopy.

Pie Tin Holds Paint Cans

 When a paint can slips off a ladder, it can cause a mess that takes the rest of the day



to clean up. Keep the paint cans securely in place by tacking an old pie tin to the ladder shelf.—V. H. Lamoy.

Slip-proofing a Miter Gage

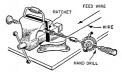
When a work piece slips on the miter gage
of your power saw—so easy at extreme angles—you can waste time and good lumber.
Here is a slip-proof attachment that will
make your saw safer and easier to use. Drill
two ¼-in. holes in the face of the miter gage.



Make the wooden block with matching countersunk holes to fit the gage. Face the block with medium grit sandpaper. Use rubber cement for bonding the paper, since you have to replace it from time to time.—P. K. Snook.

Wind Better Coils with Ratchet

 Ever wind coils or springs with a dowel and hand drill? Then you know it takes steady pressure on the winding knob without letting up for an instant. Here's a better setup. Chuck the opposite end of the dowel



in a ratchet brace mounted in your bench vise. Set the ratchet so it moves only in the direction of winding to prevent backlash. With larger sizes of wire, you'll need a helper to feed the wire.—R MOORE.

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The basket operates like a fan in reverse; the slats collapse when basket is apened and spread aut when basket is closed.



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Sanding the slats. A vertical drill press passed between it and drum.





Collapsible Slat Basket

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All the slats can be cut from one piece of $\frac{3}{4} \times 7 \times 36$ -in. clear, grainless pine. A hollow-ground blade can be used for the strip-cutting but you take the chance of burning the blade. A combination blade with set teeth will cut free and clean although it will leave a rough surface on the slats. In either case, make a special insert of Masonite or plywood for your machine, using the regular insert as a template. Cut the slot for the blade by raising the blade through the new insert, thus eliminating the opening around the blade through

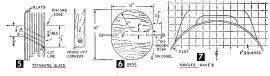
which the slim slats could be pulled down. For uniformity in thickness, pass the slats under a drum sander (Fig. 2). This is especially necessary if a blade with set teeth was used to do the initial cutting. Always feed the slats through against the direction of rotation of the drum.

Before proceeding further, make the plywood fixture to be used for bending the slats (Fig. 3). Be sure to layout the center point of the arcs % in. from the edge.

Now thoroughly soak the slats in hot water, and they will bend like ribbons for placing in the fixture (Fig. 4.) When the wood is reasonably dry, trim off the ends of the slats (Fig. 5). Follow the dimensions given carefully, or the basket will not collapse easily.



Water-soaked slots take the bend easily. Let them stoy in the fixture until dry.





Don't drill the hole through the ends until the wood is thoroughly dry, and and then do it in stages starting with a 1/8 in. drill and gradually working up to the full 1/16 in. Follow this procedure twice to make the slats for each half of

the basket. Next, cut out the base (Fig. 6). Glue the dowels in place, then add the slats, slipping them over the dowels and alternating from side to side. Enlarge the hole already drilled in the bead for stringing to 1/4 in. to take the dowel, then put some glue on each end of the dowel and press on a wooden bead. Set it with a small brad driven through the bead into the dowel.

Now make the handles (Fig. 7) shaping the ends according to the drawing or from the

Inner-Tube Boot Extensions

 Hunters, trappers and other sports- INNER TURE SECTION men who are often obliged to kneel in snow or on damp ground may protect the knees of their trousers by inserting sections of innertubes in the tops of their boots.



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	MATERIALS	LIST-COLLAPSIBLE SLAT	BASKET
0.	Req.	Size and Description	Use
24	pts	1/a x 3/4 x 36" pine	slats
2	pcs	3/4 x 101/2 x 19" plywood	fixture
1	рс	34 x 12 x 14" pine	base
2	pes	1/4 dia. x 51/9" dowel	
2		1" dia, wooden bead	
2	pes	3/4 x 41/9 x 12" pine	handles
		2 upholstery tacks: 3 yds he	avy, waxed twine

top slats themselves Sand the handles smooth and cement and brad to the slats.

Finally, double up 11/2 vd. of twine and secure it at midpoint of side of base with an upholstery tack (Fig. 8). Space the slats evenly from the base to the top, and then start knotting the twine, making double knots at the top of each slat and at the bottom of the following one. The twine does the job of pulling the slats up when the basket is closed.

Finishing is a matter of preference. Wood can be left natural with a coat of sealer for protection, or it can be stained a light maple and then sealed. If you decide to use stain, do this, as well as the sealing, before assembling the basket.—R. J. DECRISTOFORO.

Hat-Band Hook Holder

 You need not fumble through your pockets in search of the cork in which you have inserted your extra fishhooks if you glue the



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Although the side cart is not intended for a passenger, S&M editor Bill Mc-Hugh couldn't resist giving a local admirer o cautious ride.

By JOE McBRIDE

THIS animated short snorter will barrel you along at 35 mph. When the fun's over, you can tuck it into your car or boat with ease. Lifting it is no problem, as it only weighs 55 pounds.

When equipped with the detachable side cart, the scooter becomes a practical package carrier for shopping, special delivery service or tool carrier for farm and field servicemen. With some alteration in size and shape the same method of building and attaching this cart could be applied to adding a side cart to any power scooter.

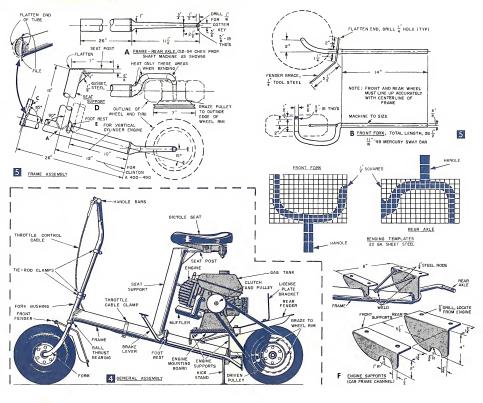
Although we used a 2-stroke cycle Clinton A400 engine, almost any 2 or 4 stroke cycle engine having a maximum of $2\frac{1}{2}$ hp could be used. The lightweight, vertical cylinder, horizontal shaft, 4 cycle en-gines, such as the Clinton A2100 or Briggs and Stratton 6B or 6B-5, offer some advantages over the 2 cycles in that they can be throttled down to run smoothly at slow speeds. are easier to start and do not require mixing of oil with the gas. Do not, however, use any of the heavy cast iron engines since their additional weight

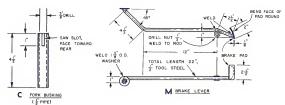
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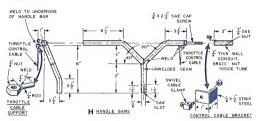
For complete construction details of cycle and side cart, see the bonus blueprint facing this page. If you feel ambitious and care to zip right through the building of one of these powercycles, we are offering a \$25 prize to the first reader who sends us a photo of the cycle he built from these plans in use, together with a letter describing his experience in building and testing it. Postmark on letter enclosing the photo will determine the winner.

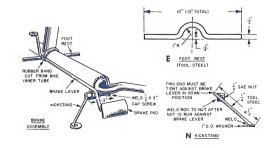
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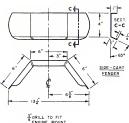


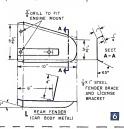


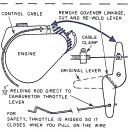










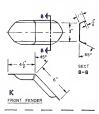


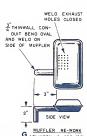
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You'll have transportation for yourself (Fig. 1) plus load carrying capacity with this little side-cart equipped powercycle. And the cart (Fig. 2) can be detached in the time

it takes you to loosen three bolts. Since the shape and size of the frame members must be determined by the size of other matching parts, have all of the parts given in the Materials List on hand before starting actual con-

struction. Making the Cycle Frame. Begin by hacksawing the Chevrolet propellor shaft to length as given in Fig. 5A. Chuck, or tack weld a block on the tube end of the shaft for a center, and mount the prop shaft in a metal-turn-

tube end of the shaft for a center, and mount the prop shaft in a metal-turning lathe. The lathe will have to have a 3-ft., between-centers capacity. If you do not have a lathe to do this work yourself, it will pay you to have the front fork (Fig. 5B) ready for

machining too, so that you can have all of the lathe work needed to build this cycle done at one time.

The front fork is made from a Mercury sway bar which is heat-treated spring steel and may be a little too hard for sawing and machining without first annealing. To anneal the bar, heat it to a dull red and allow it to cool slowly. You can do this with an acetylene torch or, better still, if there is an automobile spring shop or heat heat the entire bar in their furnace.

After machining the front and rear axles, assemble the wheels on them to make certain everything fits well. Then lay out and cut the two bending templates from sheet metal as in Fig. 5. When bending the rear axle and front fork, grip the stock in a vise and use an acetylene torch to heat just those areas of the stock that you are bending. Heat to a bright red and do not hold the torch too long or too close at one spot. If the metal starts to sparkle it indicates it is burning and is too hot. Do not quench with water to cool but allow to cool slowly to room temperature.

An 18-in. length of ½-in. black iron pipe with one end drilled out to %-in. so that it can be slipped over the ends turned down for the axles, will protect the machined surfaces and give you the leverage needed for bending. Use the bending templates to check the amount and angle of the bends

occasionally. Final accuracy of bend must be checked by mounting the wheels with tires. Wheel centers must be in line with centerlines of shafts and have clearance for tires. Allow space have clearance for tires. Allow space have clearance for the space of the space Note that the front fork has a secondary bend, other than those shown on the template, of 2-in forward for wheel caster effect. The rear sale arm is bent 15° from centerline of tube as in frame assembly drawing Fig. 5.

Cut the fork bushing (Fig. 5C) from ½-in. pipe and run a 5%-in. drill through it to clean up the inside so that the bushing will slide on the turned portion of the front fork.

Then flatten the end of the frame tube (A), and file the top and bottom edges of the tube half round to take the fork bushing at 85° as in the frame assembly drawing Fig. 5. After welding the bushing to the frame, again drill it out because the heat of welding may have distorted it somewhat.

Use the cut off piece of prop shaft tubing for the seat support (Fig. 5D). Grind or file the end of the support to fit tightly against the frame tube. This operation, which is commonly called "fishmouthing" the end of a tube, will make welding a lot easier because you will not have gaps to fill. If you are going to use a Clinton engine as we did, weld the seat support to frame A. locating its center 12-in, from the rear end of the frame tube as in the frame assembly Fig. 5. If you are going to use a Briggs and Stratton aluminum vertical cylinder engine, locate the seat support 10-in, from the rear end of the frame tube. Then heat and bend the foot rest (E in Fig. 5), and weld it to the frame tube right in back of the seat support.

To determine the angle at which the remaining parts are welded to the frame, temporarily assemble the front and rear wheels on their asles. Then slide the ball thrust bearing on the front fork and insert the fork through the fork bushing on the frame. Placement on the through the fork bushing over the saw slot and another clamp above it on front fork shaft (Fig. 4) to keep it from sliding out of the bushing.

To support the cycle and keep it in an upright position while you work on it, make up a wooden stand from scrap 1 x 4-in, stock as in Fig. 3A. Place the

stand under the foot rest, and weld the seat post to the top of the seat support so that it is parallel with the floor. Hacksaw the gusset from a piece of 1/4 x 1-in, strip steel and weld it to the corner where the seat post joins the seat support as in the frame assembly Fig. 5. If you are using the vertical cylinder engine with the seat support located closer to the rear, you will not need the gusset and can make the seat post only 5 in, long.

Engine Installation. While you are at the auto wrecking yards have the yard man cut you the two engine supports (Fig. 5F) with an acetylene torch. To save time at the yards, make up paper patterns of the engine supports and have them ready so that you can place them on an old car frame channel and draw around them with chalk. Have the yard man cut off a 2 x 21/2-in, piece of 1/4-in, thick steel for the brake too. Grind the rough cut edges of the engine supports smooth and weld them to the frame as in Figs. 4 and 5F. Reinforce the rear engine support with 1/4-in, steel rods welded in place.

The best V-belt pulley to use for the rear wheel is a 7-in, diameter water pump pulley from a Chevy. Olds, or Buick because it has an offset center which provides clearance for the tire. Cut out the center of the pullev and braze it to the rim of the rear wheel at four places as in Fig. 4. Then reassemble the wheel and mount it on the rear axle with slotted nut and

cotter pin.

Now, with a V-Plex automatic clutch on the engine drive shaft, place the plywood and engine on the engine supports as in Fig. 4. Line up the V-belt pulley on the engine with the one on the rear wheel and measure the size V-belt needed. After purchasing the belt, place it on the pulleys and mark the location of the engine mounting holes on the engine supports. Drill these holes %-in, and bolt the engine in place. To take up belt stretch later, a piece of plywood 1/4 to 3/4-in, thick may be placed under the engine base as in Fig. 4.

The performance of the Clinton A400 engine can be improved by opening up the baffle plates inside the muffler (G in Fig. 7). Weld the exhaust holes closed and for a new exhaust opening, weld a 3-in. length of 3/4-in. conduit to the muffler. If you

are going to use the side car on the cycle, weld another 3-in, length of conduit to the exhaust opening as in the side view Fig. 7 to direct the hot gases away from the side of the car. Handle Bars. Make the handle bars from a '48 Ford tie rod, bending and welding them as in Fig. 5H. Weld a 36 x 21/2-in can screw to the right hand side of the handle har for mounting the throttle control handle made from 34-in conduit as in Fig 5H Weld the throttle-cable support to the underside of the handle bar and slide the cable through it. Thread or spot braze the end of the cable to the supporting 36-in, nut. The wire inside the control cable is fastened to the swivel clamp bolted to the conduit handle. Run the cable back along the cycle frame and connect it to the carburetor throttle lever. Disconnect and remove the engine governor linkage. and change the lever (J in Fig. 7).

Fenders are required by law in some states for licensed scooters. We made ours from pieces of car body sheet metal which is soft and can be easily cut and bent to the shapes shown in

Fig. 6.

Brake. Be sure to use 16-in, round. water hardening tool steel for the brake lever because ordinary coldrolled mild steel may bend out of shape and leave you without brakes. Make the brake as detailed in Fig. 5M and mount it on a 1/2 x 3-in, cap screw welded to underside of the frame as in brake assembly Fig. 5. Drill the threads out of the 1/2-in, hex nut welded to the foot brake so that the nut will slide on the cap screw. Then run a 1/2-in, hex nut on the cap screw to retain the brake lever. This same nut is used for the kick stand too. Be sure the nut is on the cap screw before welding the kick stand (Fig. 5N) to it because it would be impossible to install the kick stand otherwise. The nut must also have enough thread drag or friction to hold the kick stand in the up position. If the nut is too loose, collapse it slightly by squeezing in a vise before installing it.

With the exception of lights and a horn, required by some states before you can get a scooter license, your powercycle should be complete and ready for a test run. The horn can be the rubber bulb, beep-beep type available at auto parts and dime stores.

The lights (head light and tail light) can be operated by a #6 dry cell battery or the type used for bicycles.

Side Cart. The best procedure to follow in making and assembling the side cart to the powercycle you have built is to cut and fit the four cart frame pieces (Fig. 3) individually. Start by making the axle extension from a 201/2-in. length of 1/2-in iron pipe. Weld a 5% x 21/2-in, cap screw on one end, and heat and flatten the other end. Make up three cart attachment lugs as in Fig. 3B and bolt one to the flattened end of the axle extension. Then, with the wheel mounted on the axle extension and the cycle blocked in the upright position on the floor, place the lug end of the axle extension against the rear axle arm of the cycle as in Fig. 3. Cut a couple of 2 x 2-in. blocks for holding the axle extension level with the floor and at right angles to the cycle frame. If you are doing your own welding, tack weld the lug to the rear axle arm of the cycle. Otherwise, clamp or wire the lug to the arm.

Caution: Welding near a gasoline tank can be dangerous business. Be sure to drain gasoline from engine gas tank and carburetor and blow out tank before welding. Or better still, remove the engine from the cycle.

Next, make cart frame part X in Fig. 3. Bend and fit the end that is fastened to the axle extension first. Then bend, cut and flatten the end to be attached to the cycle frame with a lug as in Fig. 3C. Use blocks to hold part X level with the floor and tack weld or temporarily wire the lug to

the cycle frame. Now cut and fit part Y in position, tack welding or taping it with plastic electrician's tape to hold it in place. Follow by fitting part Z in place, fastening the end to the cycle seat support with a lug. Cut the triangular shaped pieces, which reinforce the cart frame and provide mounting-bolt holes for the cart box, and weld them to the frame members. Also complete all the other welding of the lugs and cart frame joints while it is still attached to the cycle to avoid distortion

of the parts due to heat of welding. The cart box is made of 1/4-in, exterior plywood reinforced with cleats at all inside corners as detailed in Fig. 3D Bolt it to the frame with three 1/4-in. fh bolts. Make the cart fender (Fig. 6) from sheet metal as you did the cycle fenders, and bolt it to the cart box. Use Shakeproof nuts on the three bolts that fasten the side cart to the cycle so there is no danger of the nuts vibrating loose.

Additional sets of plans available from the designer for \$2 P.PD. Send check or money order (No C.O.D.'s or stamps) to Joe McBride, 2631 Kensington Way., Stockton 4, California,

MATERIALS LIST - POWERCYCLE

Amt. Size and Description

- Req. 1952-'54 Cherrolet propeller shaft with 111/4" stem for cycse frame and rear axle
- 1949 Mercury sway bar for front fork and axle (11/16° D.D.) 1935-48 Ford tie rod for handte bars 1935-48 Ford tie rod stamps
 - 7" dia., V-belt water pump pulley from late model
- Chevy, Olds or Buick for rear wheel 60" long choke or throttle control cable for engine carburetor control
- 1 V-Plex clutch with 2" pulley to fit your engine shaft (V-Piex Automatic Clutch Co., Hagerstown, Indiana)
- (V-Pex Automatic Clutch Co., Hagerstown, Indiana), ½" V-belt. Determine length after installing engine Cinnton A400, two-cycle gas engine. Dther lightweight four-cycle engines up to 2½, bm may be used also 4" cart wheels for 3.50" x 10" General Jumbo Jr., tires and tubes. Wheel hub must have precision ground hall bearings for 35 mgh speed. 5%" bore x 2" long
- hub length. 56 x 7" long mild steel round bar 1/4 x 24" round tool steel bar (water hardening type)
- for engine bracket brace, kick stand and fender brace. 1/2 x 34" round tool steel bar (water hardening type) for brake lever and foot rest. 1
- $V_{\rm in}^2$ x 1 x 10° mild steel bar for license bracket 3° length of 3¢° thinwall conduit for throttle handle $V_{\rm in}^2$ x 2 x 2 $V_{\rm in}^2$ mild steel for brake pad 12 x 18° car body sheet metal for fenders
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- - 3 x 2½" SAE cap screw and nut for throttle names
 1/2 x 3" SAE cap screw and two nuts for brake and
 kick stand
 - 5/16 x 11/4" SAE cap screws and nuts for engine 4
 - mounting
 34 x 3" bike handle grips
 1/2 x 3" bike handle grips for foot rests
 34" hex nut for throttle support
 - $_{\rm NR}$ nex nut for throttle support $4l/_2^{\prime\prime}$ length of $l/_2^{\prime\prime}$ standard black iron pipe for fork bushing

SIDE CART 24" length of 1/2" standard black iron pipe for cart

- 24" rengts of 72" stemant unker for pipe for variante extension
 10' length of 1/2" thinwall conduit for cart frame
 1/3 x 1 x 20" mid steel bar for cart frame lugs
 5/16 x 1" SAE cap screws with Shakeproof nuts
 wheel and tire of the same type used no powercycle
 5/3 x 21/2" SAE cap screw and slotted nut for cart
 - wheel axle
 - where axis $\frac{1}{4} \times 36 \times 48^{\prime\prime}$ exterior fir plywood for cart box $\frac{3}{4} \times 36^{\prime\prime} \times 12^{\prime\prime}$ lumber for cart box $\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}^{\prime\prime}$ fit stove bolts for cart box $\frac{1}{6} \times 18^{\prime\prime}$ car body sheet metal for fenders



Four Sliding Jigs Insure Perfect Miters

By R. J. DeCRISTOFORO

T'S easy to cut mi-

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saw, but making

them accurate enough

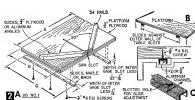
for framing joints is another matter. Your mitering troubles are over, however, if you build one or more of these simple jigs designed to give you a perfect cut every time. Because

the jigs move with the work as in Fig. 1, there Simple sliding-platform jig pravides perfect miters far frames every time when parts are placed accurately. This one is designed far pieces precut to exact length.

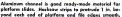
is no saw readjustment for right- and left-hand miters and the problem of "saw blade creep" (tendency to pull the work) is eliminated.

Work carefully in making any of these jigs. Though simply constructed, they must be right in all details. The least little deviation will destroy their effectiveness. Sand each part smooth before assembly.

General Construction. For the platform and most other pieces, %i.in. fir plywood is adequate, but be sure it is sufficiently dry so that it will not warp. If your saw is very small, substitute Y-in. plywood. Make width A in Fig. 2A conform to width of your saw table as in Figs. 1 and 9. Depth B in Fig.









It's impartant to align slides perfectly against autor edges af table slats. Clamp in position to platform, turn work over and fasten securely.

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Carpenter's square helps maintain exact 90° angle for guides.

2A of jig #1 represents distance from front edge of saw table to front edge of blade when set at 2-in. height. For each of the other jigs described later, this depth B dimension equals the distance from front edge of table to center-line of blade arbor.

For slides, use hardwood to fit miter gage slots of your saw table or, if you want to avoid this job, try ½-in-wide aluminum channel ¼ to %-in-deep sin Fig. 3. Make slides 2 in. longer than depth of platform (C in Fig. 2A). Be sure to position slides on the outboard sides fit snugly against outboard sides of table slots as in Fig. 25. There should slot slots as the slot of the slot slot slot in Fig. 25. The play. For adjustment to assure a good fit, slot the attachment holes as in Fig. 2C.

Don't trust a ruler to mark slide position. It's better to set slides in table slots, position platform and clamp slides exactly where they belong as in Fig. 4. Then turn over platform and fasten slides with screws before releasing clamps.

Next, determine position of the guides, which depends on which jig you are working on and cut saw slot, using a blade which will always be available for use with the jig. A hollow-ground combination blade is suggested since it will produce cuts that can be joined without further work.

For guides, use ¾-in. plywood, hardwood or aluminum angle, with length depending on angle desired and distance from saw cut to platform edge. Lay out angle with a protrac-

tor, using saw slot as center-line. To assure accuracy, maintain correct angle with a large carpenter's square when securing guides in position with nails or screws, as in Fig. 5.

As soon as finished, protect each jig from accuracy-destroying moisture with a resin



Jig simplifies cutting af discs into halves, quarters and —by positioning quarters paint first—even eighths.



Intended far stock of any length, this jig has an adjustable stap block on aluminum angle guide far fast and accurate cutting of many similar pieces.

sealer and two or more costs of shellac.
Fixed Milter for Prect Pieces. Jig # 1
(Pigs. 1 and 2A), set for a 45° miter, is good
for fast work in picture frame production
when using pieces precut to exact length.
Made correctly, it will give you one or a hundred
pieces cut exactly 45°—it can't be otherwise.

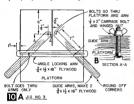
You can also utilize this jig to cut discs as in Fig. 6. Merely hold a disc in place on the jig and push the jig, not the work. This will keep work from turning and binding the blade, which would result in a kickback.

If saw blade projection is set just a fraction above the platform surface, you can cut cross-diagonals on the ends of square or





Adjustable-guide jig saves time where work frequently requires segment cutting at different angles.



round pieces for mounting on the spur center of a wood lathe.

Miter at Any Point on Stock. Jig #2 (Figs. 7 and 8A) guarantees accuracy of the miter, but leaves exact length of the piece up to the operator. To speed cutting of such frames, you can fit this jig with a stop block as in Fig. 7, made of scrap hardwood or an easily-worked, non-ferrous metal such as aluminum or brass. For aluminum angle guistee with ½-in. wall, shape the block to dimensions given in Fig. 8B.

After cutting one piece to exact length, set stop block to it and you are ready to shop several similar pieces from one length of stock, turning over the stock after each cut so miters will face correctly. If you're working with a shaped molding, attach a sun ing with a shaped molding, attach a strain right-hand cut.

Adjustable Mifer for Segment Cutting. Guide angles of the above jigs need not be set at 45°. Merely change the guides to suit if you have a great deal of segment cutting to do at one different angle.

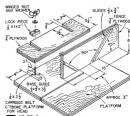
Jig #3 (Figs. 9 and 10A) adjusts to whatever angle you require, two different angles or two similar angles. Using the same type of platform and slides as for Jig #2, cut guide arms and an angle locking arm as in Fig. 10A. Attach the carriage bolts and winged nuts as in Fig. 10B. After determining exact degree of the miter, lock all four winged nuts to hold ig rigid. If you need a stop, cut the first piece to length and drive a small finishing nail or staple part way into side of the guide arm against edge of the piece.

Fance for Miter Groeves. Jig #4 (Figs. 11 and 12) is ideal for forming spline grooves in miler cuts, because it eliminates the danger of tilting and wobbling which could very likely happen when such cuts are made freehand. The fence is adjustable to handle many stock thicknesses.

Use maple strip for guides and cut other parts out of plywood to dimensions given in Fig. 12. You can add to the utility of this jig by making the guides adjustable or replaceable to change angle of the cut. You can even cut tenons by providing a guide to hold the work perpendicular to the table.



miters. To make cut, merely set stock against the guide, clamp in place and move jig past the blade.



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How to Determine

Specific Gravity

With a scale and weighing stand, you can identify unknown samples of metals, gems, ores and rocks

By HAROLD P. STRAND



"Eureka," shouted Archimedes as he discovered the principle of buoyancy and the answer to the problem of determining whether the king's crown was really pure gold.



Solder a short length of tubing to a tin can to make an overflow spout. Use fine thread to make the sling which holds the specimen.



Ever since the ancient Greek inventor Archimedes accidentally discovered the principle of specific gravity, the method

principle of specific gravity, the method has been used to assay metals, identify jewels and to measure the density of materials.

You can prove Archimedes' principle by the experiment shown in Fig. 2. To demonstrate the principle, solder a drain spout to the side of a can. Fill the can with water until it begins to overflow. Now place an empty catch can beneath the spout, and slowly lower in an object. The water which overflows into the catch can will be exactly equal in volume to that of the object. Now weigh the water and the object. Specific gravity weight of object

weight of equal volume of water.

An easier way to measure specific gravity is to weigh the object suspended in water (Fig. 3). The model shown is a dietary scale and is sufficiently accurate for specimens weighing a hundred grams or more. If you want to pinpoint the specific gravity of small crystals and gems, you will need to use a

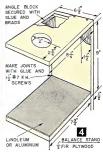
finer balance with greater sensitivity. Make the stand (Fig. 4) and fasten a hook to the pivot (Fig. 5) or to the bottom of the pan support on a lab balance. Arrange a fine thread and sling to hold the specimen suspended in the water can.

First weigh your specimen in air (Fig. 2). Our sample piece of brass was about 1% x %-in. and weighed 232 grams. Next weigh your catch can; ours was 34 grams. Use another can to mix a few drops of liquid soap with the water. It helps to break up surface tension so the water will not cling to the speut opening. Fill the can until the water speut opening. Fill the can until the water the last drops to stop and then place your empty catch can beneath the spout. Now slowly lower your specimen in the water (Fig. 6).

You will be surprised to find that the object weighs less in water. Our specimen now indicated 204 grams or 28 grams less than in air. Now weigh the catch bucket and contents. Ours weighed 61 grams. Deducting the weight of the empty bucket, 34 grams, the net weight of water was 27 grams; this is as close as we can expect to the 28 grams loss



our water, with a few drops of detergent added, into the overflow can until it starts to run down the spout. Wait until dripping stops before submerging your specimen.



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in weight because of the accuracy limit of the scale. Thus you have proven Archimedes' principle, that the displaced water is equal in weight to the loss of weight of the object under water.

Using this formula:

weight of object in air specific gravity

$$\frac{30}{28} = 8.28$$

The table (Fig. 8) indicates the specific gravity of brass is 8.4, but since brass is an alloy of copper and zinc, proportions will vary and so will determine the exact specific gravity. Since specific gravity is a ratio or comparison, never use units such as grams or ounces when you write the figure.

Now test various samples. Just weigh them in air, and under water. Be sure that your specimen is hung completely submerged but not touching the bottom of the can. We tried a cast iron ring. It was 317 grams in air, and 272 under water. Apparent loss was 45

SPECIFIC GRAVITY

	NECTING WITH PLATFORM
PIVOT	LARGE OPENING IN BOTTOM OF BALANCE STRING
STRING -	STRING AROUND BRACE WOOD OR OBJECT LIGHTER THAN WATER SMALL F.H. BRADS

grams. 317 divided by 45 = 7.04. The table shows 7.1 as the specific gravity of cast iron. If you are a rock hound, and want to identify gem stones, you will need an accurate balance. Photographers scales available for about \$10.00 are suitable for accurate weighings of small specimens. The book, Gem Hunters Guide (\$3.95) published by Science AND MECHANICS provides a complete listing of specific gravity of gems.

Objects that float are tested according to the same principle but a sinker must be added. We tried a small block of hard pine, (Fig. 7). Use a beaker or glass for the test. First weigh the wood block in air (50 grams). Now attach the sinker, a piece of metal, by means of a short string and a small tack as in Fig. 5. Adjust the scale string so the sinker is under water and the wood block above the water line and weigh (256 grams).

(equal to	density in gran	ns per cubic centimet	er)
	Density		Density
Material	grams/cu cm	Material	grams/cu cm
paraffin	.90	silver	10.50
ice	.92	lead	11.40
water	1.00	platinum	21.45
anthracite coal	1.60	WOODS	
magnesium	1.74	(air dry)
granite	2.60	balsa	0.12-0.20
plass (crown)	2.60	cork	0.20
marble	2.70	pine, white	0.373
aluminum	2.70	spruce, white	0:43
zinc	7.10	GEMS	
iron (cast)	7.10	emerald	2.6-2.8
tin	7.30	quartz	2.6
steel	7.80	diamond	3.52
brass	8.50	sapphire	3.9-4.1
nickel	8.80	zircon (blue, white	
copper	8.93	golden)	4.69

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Slowly lower the specimen into the overflow con until it is completely covered, but not touching the bottom. The cotch con will collect o volume of water equal to that of the specimen.

Objects that floot require that you use a sinker for the test. First weigh with the sinker under water, and the specimen suspended above water.

The next part of the test requires that you lengthen the string so both sinker and object are submerged, but with the sinker free of the bottom. The scale read 177 grams, and thus weight loss in water was 79 grams,

Using our formula, Specific gravity = —= .632



The figure for objects lighter than water will always be less than 1. Water weighs 1 gram per cubic centimeter and for practical purposes its density is a constant at ordinary temperatures. The Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, found in most libraries, lists the density of thousands of chemicals, elements, minerals, and liquids.

Test Your Science Knowledge

This quiz will test your knowledge of the scientific facts about such things as fish "talk," mosquitoes and the moon

By SHIRLEY MOTTER LINDE



How does a mosquita decide whom to bite?

Biologists at Rutgers University have found that mosquitoes choose their targets on the basis of a person's breath and amount of body warmth. The mosquito has a built-in heat detection system in his front legs that receives heat waves and lets him zero in accurately on his victim.

How cold is the moon of midnight?

It's a cold, cold place up there. By hooking up a pyrometer to a 42-in, telescope, astronomers have found that the moon's temperature at "midnight" is about minus 50°F.

Con your hoir really turn white suddenly?

Yes. Medical Journals report rapid whitening after acute organic illness, excitement, fright, mental stress or accidents, and in mental patients, paralyzed patients and those with eye ailments. The exact reason is not known. One of the most widely accepted theories is that air bubbles enter the hair and make it appear white through light reflection.

How much solt is in the ocean?

Billions of tons. If all the salt in the oceans could be extracted and spread over the United States, it would make a layer of salt a mile and a half thick.

Whot's faster thon a missile?

The seed of a mistletoe. It explodes from its pod at an initial acceleration of some 5.000 G. In contrast, the initial acceleration of a typical satellite-launching rocket is from only 5 to 10 G.

What has the largest eyes in the world?

The great blue whale. Its eyeballs are about 5 in. in diameter. The horse has the largest eyes of all the land animals, about half again as large as a human's eyes.

Whot does fish "tolk" sound like? Some fish sound like the "noisy eat-

ing of celery," while a chorus of shrimp sounds like fat frying, according to scientists at the Bernuda Biological Station. The fish-listeners also found that lobsters, like men, develop deeper voices as they mature and that salt water fish talk more than their fresh water cousins.



Science and Mechanics

PATENTS & INVENTIONS

What's Your Patent Question?

By ALAN MONTAGUE

Patents Editor

OME of your recent questions have really forced me to blow the cobwebs off my reference files (and to doublecheck a few late developments with some of my patent expert friends in Washington).

It's work, but it's fun, too, so

keep those unusual questions coming. Here are some of the latest ones:



I made the drawing of my invention two years ago, and had it witnessed. Since that have done nothing about it and have made no changes in it. But now I want to have a search made, and proceed with a patent application if things look favorable. Before having the search made, should I have the drawing witnessed again? (N. B., Michigan)

Having the drawings witnessed again would not affect the situation, one way or another. After you file your patent application, if it runs into interference with another application pending in the Patent Office, you'll have a rough time explaining away the two-year delay. Better file your application as promptly as possible and then pray real hard.

He Needs a Financial Backer

My profession is operating moning picture machines and I have developed a resolutionary new idea in lighting. I have had a patent search made by a registered patent attorney, and he urges me to apply for a patent. But patent application money I just don't have. My hobby is amateur radio and if someone could be located interested enough in my invention to finish paying for the patent, I would turn over all rights and claims in return for a Collins (KW) Kilovatt transmitter titles, I don't know how to raise money or contact any big shots. What suggestion have you? (J. G., Georgia)

Well, your offer to trade the invention for a radio transmitter is novel, but I doubt that any hams will take you up. My surveys on



this subject of financial backing. (I have made three) all show that your best bet is to seek a partner among the local business or professional men. You have played it smart thus far in getting a search made—you have favorable correspondence from your patent attorney, and this is all to the mustard.

Now you should make (or have a local artist or draftsman make) some good, clean, intelligible drawings, and get somebody with a typewriter to prepare a description. Put these into a file folder and carry it around to the local banker, or the secretary of the nearest Chamber of Commerce. One of them can put you in touch with some business or professional men with funds to invest. When you get a backer, have a local lawyer draw up partnership papers. Do not assign a portion of the invention to your backer since an assignment can lead to all kinds of trouble. Go into partnership, instead.

Attorneys and Secrecy

How can I tell what patent attorney will render good service at reasonable cost? Also, are patent attorneys required by law to keep inventions confidential? (G. K., Ohio)

There is no law on the subject, but if an attorney damaged the interest of his clients by being a blabbermouth, he could be disciplined by the Commissioner. In 30 years, I have never heard of any attorney's talking out of turn, so I wouldn't worry about it. As to getting good service at a reasonable price, cation on a simple invention and office you much more than about \$300 to \$350. When they start talking about a thousand

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Reviving Abandoned Application

I filed a patent application back in 1956 and in 1957 was advised by the Patent Office that one of the claims contained allowable subject matter, but that an amendment would be necessary to bring the case into proper condition to be passed to allowance.

At the time, I was fresh out of money and could not afford to hire an attorney to do this work, so I just dropped the whole business. Now I would like to revive it, but of course may six-month grace period was long ago shot. What do I do? Can I get it reinstated, or could I sell it, as is? (C. B., Washington)

If you had been sick unto death and unable to attend to your business, the Patent Office would probably let you pick up the prosecution where you left it off, but lack of money is no excuse. You will have to start the whole business over anew. Have a search made, to be sure that no recent patents have been issued which would now bar you from getting a grant. If the report is favorable, have an attorney prepare an entirely new application, putting in the amended claim which the Office said was allowable. You ought to get a patent in fairly short order. As to selling the deal the way it is, it's worth a try. Write to manufacturers who might be interested. If you can sell the invention to one of them, his attorney can re-file the application for you.

Responsibility for Bad Search

I have just had a patent application filed, and now, in an old issue of your magazine, I find a picture of the identical invention as patented several years ago. This patent was not cited in the search report made before I filed application, and it looks like I have been gupped. Can my attorney be held for mail traud, or is it really possible that he didn't know about the existence of this patent? (R. C., Indiana)

You may or may not be right about this: the time to squawk is when and if your claims are rejected on the basis of the claims in the patent to which you refer. It may be that your attorney has strategy all mapped out to get around them. On the other hand, this patent may have been missed entirely in the preliminary search. The particular patents may have been in a group being reclassified, it may have been misfiled or the searcher may have been interrupted . . . many things could have happened to snafu the search. That's why preliminary searches are never guaranteed, and there is no use talking about fraud. You will have to assume that it was an honest mistake. However, if you are finally rejected on the basis of this patent which was not cited, and if your attorney is any kind of a Joe, he ought to give you a refund of half your money.

Furniture Invention

Please tell me how to get a new piece of modern furniture on the market. This is something entirely new and original. (J. G., Illinois)

First get a Design Patent. Then, either put the selling end of it into the hands of a broker, or put on your own sales campaign. If you want to handle it yourself, secure supply of photostats of the official drawings of your patent application, put them into our New Invention for Sale forms (packet of six for a buck), and mail them out to furniture manufacturers. Also, since you are located in Chicago, you could take a day off and go over to the Furniture Mart, making personal calls on the boys.

Wants Selling Information

Please rush me complete details on how I may offer my new Quick Release for sale. (M. R., Georgia)

You don't say what your "Quick Release" is supposed to release, so I can't be very helpful. Anyhow, the thing for you to do is buy a copy of our book, How to Find a Buyer for Your Invention, and bone up on the entire subject. Either that, or put the job in the hands of a patent broker.

Sale of Mexican Patents

I have several ideas I would like to sell. They are patented in Mexico. I believe the usual procedure is to sign a disclosure with witnesses. How safe a protection is this? (B. K., Mexico)

If you expect to have anything to sell in the United States, you must get U. S. patent applications on file before your Mexican patents are one year old, so don't waste valuable time talking about selling procedures. Get on file in Washington at once.

How About National Inventors Council?

Please advise me on a point that has been bothering me. I sent drawings of a device to reduce mortality in commercial aircraft to the National Inventors Council. Did I do wrong? (J. W., Missouri)

Unless the device has some application to military aircraft, the Council might not do anything about it, one way or the other. If the idea is any good, you still ought to get a patent, and sell it through ordinary commercial channels.



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Left, using suction cup fitting, unique new tool paps out shallow dent where metal is merely sprung, but not croosed or bent. Right, typical cross caused by cor bumper. Fit piece of sandpaper in flot file and rub it over crease to outline crose of dent.



New Ways to Remove Car Dents and Scratches

By P. K. SNOOK

THE local body shop might sock you \$30 to \$35 for a "crease" job and, if you have ever removed a car's inside panel in order to pound out a dent, you would probably agree it's worth it.

Now, thanks to development of a new dent-removing tool, you can do an efficient job yourself (Figs. 1, 2, 3) without disturbing the paneling and for less than half the normal cost. Tool, attachments, flat sandpaper file, fiber glass body filler and hardener make up a kit called the Spaulding Dent Remover, now available for under \$15 in Sears Roebuck, Western Tire Auto Stores and similar outlets.

The Crease or Small Deat commonly caused by bumpers of other cars maneuvering in and out of tight parking areas is often deceptive to the eye so the first step is to define it.

Three steps to dent removel. Top, drilling %-in, diometer holes about on inch open correct despets port of crosses. Center, applying gradual pressures with new deant-emoving tool to pull out dent with sheet metal screw, a precess repeated in each hole. Bottom, ofter lifting out ponel and checking with sondpaper file for low spots, this pottern will appear if ponel is reportly stroightened.



Grind aut whale area with disc sander after removing crease. Slightly law spats (white areas in center) will be leveled with fiber glass body filler.

Go over the area with the flat sandpaper file as in Fig. 2 to outline the damaged section. Run your fingers over it to locate the deepest part of the depression, then drill small holes through the metal from one end of the crease to the other as in Fig. 3A. Don't let be thought of actually drilling holes into your car disturb you. They serve a double purpose, allowing you to pull out the dent and giving a firmer hold to the filler as it becomes almost as hard as the body itself. When done, you won't be able to locate the dent or holes.

Chuck a sheet metal screw from the kit in the screwdriver attachment, secure through long end of dentremoving tool and turn screw into an end hole as in Fig. 3B, until it has a firm bite. Apply gradual pressure with the tool until you feel the dent come out in much the same way as you feel a nail give when you pull it out of a board with a hammer. Don't pru too hard. or you may ripple the metal. Lift each section a bit at a time, then repeat the process with each succeeding hole until you reach the other side of the dent.

Unless the crease is very severe, one lift on each hole should do the job. If it doesn't, repeat the process until panel regains its original shape. When the dent feels smooth, go over it again with the sandpaper file. If the panel is sufficiently straight to proceed, it will produce a file mark pattern similar to that in Fig. 3C.

After smoothing with a rotary sanding pad on your electric drill, the area should appear like that in Fig. 4. If any low spots are still in evidence, remove with the dent puller. This can usually be done without drilling additional holes.

To fill drill holes and any depressions remaining, scoop out a gob of fiber glass body filler the size of a golf ball onto a polyethvlene mixing dish and add a few drops of the catalyst from the tube of hardener as shown in Fig. 5, following directions carefully. These materials are included in the kit. Mix thoroughly and apply a 4/a-in-thick layer all over area, with a flexible plastic spreader as in Fig. 6. Use enough pressure to force some fig. 6. The enough pressure to force some force of the path of the property of t

Once the fiber glass has thoroughly set, sand off the excess, smooth out the whole area with rotary sander (Fig. 7) or sandpaper file and the repaired section is ready to prime and paint. Up to this point, it took us

45 minutes to do the job.

Lorge, Shellow Dearls. Where the metal is sprung rather than creased, as often happens in door panels, use the suction cup attachment with the dent remover. Screw cup to hole in end of the longer arm and fit the pivot pad in slot of the same arm near the bend. Wash the damaged panel with water and moisten the suction cup.

Clamp cup to center of the dent and place pivot pad against panel below. Apply gradual pressure as in Fig. 1 until the dent pops out. To remove suction cup, slide it off panel edge.





Left, add catalyst to filler in plastic dish and mix well with puty knife. Narmal mix will set for sanding in 15 to 20 minutes. Adding more hardener will speed setting, as does warm temperature. Above, use flaxible spreader to apply filler, forcing same through holes to anchor it securely. Apply toa much rather than toa little; it's easier to grind off excess than add another layer.



Sanding down hardened filler to ariginal panel shape. Since fiber glass dust is irritating and hard to remave, wear lang sleeves; if your skin is sensitive, wear glaves.





Left, this 6-in. scrape is typical of scratches caused by garage doors, bicycle fenders, car doors opened in parking lots which can be repaired easily—if care and patience are your watchwords. Right, sand out scratch to bare metal, also enough of surrounding paint to leave extremely fine feathered edges.



With the recent introduction of touch-up paints and primer in high-pressure Aerosol spray cans, you can make those rough spots in the finish vanish with so little effort

that your biggest problem is to avoid a temptation to rush the job because it seems so easy.

Treatment is generally the same, whether the trouble spots are small scrapes as shown in Fig. 8 or larger exposed areas which started out small and increased as surrounding paint peeled away.

Sand area around the spot with 320 (fine) paper down to the bright, bare metal as in Fig. 9, leaving such a fine feathered edge all around that you can hardly tell where the bare metal ends and the finish begins. Half the success of the job depends on how smoothly you do this step.

You can follow the steps from here on to repaint a dented area repaired as previously described

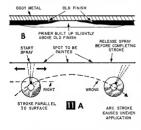
After sanding, rub the existing finish around the spot with a cleaning compound until you have a clean area at least 6 inches beyond the part you plan to paint. This is particularly important if your car has a light-colored finish, since any dirt left on the old finish will bleed through new paint and leave a "bulls'eye." Rub out the cleaner, sponge off the residue with clean water and wipe thoroughly dry.

Using primer-surfacer from a push-button pressure-can as in Fig. 10, build up the area with several thin coats, letting each dry before applying the next. Remember to keep the can moving steadily and in a line parallel to the work while spraying as in Fig. 11A, and stop the spray each time before reaching the end of your sweeping motion. Guard against the natural tendency for your hand to arch the stroke or turn the can. Extend the primer beyond the feathered edges and build it up until primer is slightly higher than the existing paint as in Fig. 11B—about .005 in.

When thoroughly dry, sand the built-up primer with 320 paper until smooth and even with the existing paint as in Fig. 12. If you're working on a large flat surface, you'll find it easier to get the necessary smoothness the



Carefully build up sanded area with primer in series of light coats extending well beyond edge indicated by datted line. Avoid temptation to rush job with thick applications and let each coat dry thoroughly.



Nicks, Chips and Scratches. The paint on your car is pretty tough stuff to hold up the way it does, considering the beating it takes. Unfortunately, the paint hasn't been made that will deflect flying stones, Junior's bicycle



Smoothing primer surfacer calls for a very light touch to avoid sanding through to the metal or leaving finger ridges.

using a rubber-faced sanding block.

Do the sanding either wet or dry. When through, sponge the entire area again with clean water.

You can buy the push-button spray paint in lacquer or enamel form, and the primer, in auto supply houses and many hardware stores. If your car is a 1956 or later model, you will have no trouble duplicating its original factory color, but some finishes on earlier

PROBLEM	CAUSE	REMEDY
Paint runs.	Coats are too heavy	Move can faster.
Paint is ripply.	Can too close; air blast is moving paint.	Hold can farther from work.
Paint is fuzzy; looks like it is full of lint. (Occurs only with lacquer.)	Can is too far from work; paint is par- tially dry when it hits work surface.	Hold can closer.
Paint peels.	Improper or insuffi-	Sand to bare metal

	using primer.	
Raised area around perimeter of spot painted.	Edge was not prop- erly feathered or primer was not sanded down smoothly.	Finer feather; mo complete sanding after priming.



Spray finish according to directions on can and in several coats, each so light that it is hardly visible.

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Old toothbrush and rubbing compound will make short work of stains along edges of chrome trim.

models may be difficult to match. To be sure. test it first with a little spot under the hood or some other obscure part of the body. Then study the chart in Fig. 13 to check on causes of paint failure and how to avoid them,

Apply the finish in the same way as the primer with several light coats as in Fig. 14 but extend the coats slightly beyond the primer edge. If the area is large, a light mist sprayed just after the finish from a can of leveler (thinner) will help smooth out any lumps. After the leveler has dried, give the spot a very light finish coat.

If you are using enamel, keep the car indoors at least overnight and wait at least two weeks before applying some rubbing compound and rubbing out the new paint. You can speed up the drying period with an infrared lamp or even a large incandescent bulb in

a heat-concentrating reflector. If your finish is lacquer, it will dry almost instantly and you can then apply the rubbingout process. When finished, you shouldn't be able to point out the spot to anyone else.

Chrome Trim Stains. While you have the rubbing compound out, take advantage of the opportunity to rid your car of blemishes that frequently appear along edges of the chrome trim. Usually they are stains from rust on clips that hold the trim in place and do not mean that actual rusting has started below the paint along the trim strip.

Substitute an old toothbrush for your rubbing rags to get well down into cracks between car body and trim as shown in Fig. 15 and remove all traces of stain.

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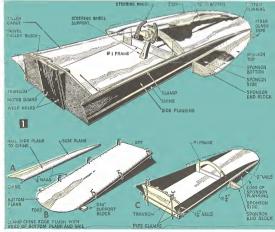
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Construction. To make certain you can cut all of the ¼ and ¾-in. plywood pieces from two 4 by 8 ft. sheets, carefully lay out the outlines of all the pieces nesting them together as in Figs. 3 and 4. Layout dimensions for the transom are shown in Fig. 2. For a penell ¼ x ¾-in. strip of wood bent against small nails partially driven into the plywood. A portable electric jig saw will make short work of cutting all the plywood parts to shape. If you do not have such a saw, use a crosscut hand saw for the straight cuts and a key hole saw for the curved cuts. Be sure to cut the and of the sproson bottom nieces.

Now, using the ¼-in. plywood transom piece as a pattern, mark and cut the transom frame pieces as in Fig. 2. Fasten them to the plywood transom with waterproof glue and 1-in. nails spaced about 3 in. apart and staggered.

Next, make the #1 frame from 34-in. lumber as in Fig. 2 and assemble with 1/4-in. plvwood gussets glued and nailed to both sides of the frame. For chines and clamps (Fig. 1) rip a stock size 2 by 4 as in Fig. 5C. A combination circular saw blade should be used since a rip saw blade will cut too wide a kerf and reduce the size of the pieces. Lay out curved tapering fore ends on the chines and saw to shape with a bandsaw. Set the clamps aside for the time being, and assemble the chines to the lower outside faces of the side planks (Fig. 1A). Use glue and 11/4-in, nails, and be sure to place the chines on opposite faces so that you have one right and one left hand side plank.

Hull Assembly. No building frame is required to assemble this 3-pointer. Begin by assembling the two side planks to the %-in. plywood bottom plank in the upside down po-

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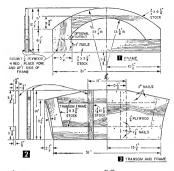
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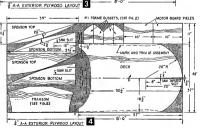
BOTTOM PLANK

sition as in Fig. 1B. Use glue and C-lamps, and position the aft edges of side and bottom planks flush. Be sure chines are on the outside and flush with long edges of the bottom plank. Then fasten with 1½-in. nails spaced 3 in. apart and staggered slightly to avoid splitting the chine. Remove the clamps and turn the assembly right side up.

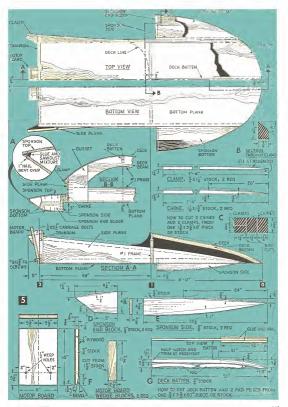
Next, position the #1 frame between the side planks so that the aft side of the frame is 48 in. from the lower aft end of the side planks (see A-A Fig. 5). Mark side and bottom planks along both sides of #1 frame with a pencil line and remove the frame. Apply glue within pencil marked areas and an edge of #1 frame and reasemble it between the side planks. Use 11/4-in nails spaced 3 in. apart to lasten side and bottom planks to

> Fit and position the transom between the side planks so that the plywood of the transom is flush with the aft edge of the bottom planking. Draw pencil lines for applying glue as you did when installing the #1 frame. The shape of the transom ends will force the side planks outward at the top, giving a flared fin-like appearance at the

aft end of the boat. After coating contacting surfaces of transom and sides with glue, reinstall the transom and clamp it to the bottom planking with two short bar clamps. Then draw in the side planks with a 36-in. long bar clamp (Fig. 1C) until the sides conform to the curvature of the transom ends. Fasten with 11/4-in. nails spaced 3 in, apart and staggered slightly.



The sponsons are





the next items of assembly. First lay out and cut two sponson sides and two sponson end blocks from %-in. stock as in Fig. 5D and £ fig. 10 and 2. The sponson is sponson to the sponson in the sponson side of the sponson side pieces to the chines with glue and 2-in. nails as in Fig. 1C. Position the top edges of the sponson side pieces flush with the top edges of the chines and the aft end of the sponson sides 2½ in. forward of the #1 frame location and the sponson side 2½ in. forward of the #1 frame location

(see A-A Fig. 5). The bottom aft edge of the

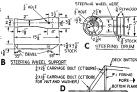
sponson sides should project 2¾-in, below the bottom planking (Fig. 1C).

With the hull thus far assembled, temporarily place the ¼-in, plywood sponson prarily place the ¼-in, plywood sponson propieces in position to see that they fit tightly against the side planks and make good gluing contact with the top edges of sponson sides and end blocks. You may have to fair the top edges of the sides, end blocks and chines with a block plane so that the sponson tops fit tightly. The outer edges of these top pieces should project about %-in, beyond the should project about %-in, beyond the bottom pieces. Mix a small amount of the bottom pieces. Mix a small amount of sawdust with the glue to fill any voids when permanently installing the sponson tops. Fasten with 1¼-in, nails.

Now, turn the hull over and fit and fair the bottom edges of the sponson sides and end blocks so that the sponson bottom pieces fit snugly. File or plane a bevel on the outer edges of the bottom pieces where they join to be provided to the pieces of the sound of the bottom as the provided the pieces where the side of the sponsons including the bottom a coat of Penta wood preservative, and allow

it to dry thoroughly.

Fasten the bottom sponsons with the glue and sawdust mixture and 1¼-in. nails. Make up a thick mixture of glue and sawdust for use along the seam where the outer edges of top and bottom planking join, applying this with a putly knife so a filled of the glue mixture will be formed on the inside of the joint ture will be formed on the inside of the joint through both top and bottom pieces of plywood and clinch nail over on under side. When nailing, back up the bottom plywood



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Amt. Reg.	Size and Description	Use
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1	fir plywood	planking
1	3/2" x 4 x 8' A-A exterior fir plywood	bottom and side plank-
1	2 x 4" x 12' fir	chines, clamps, steer-
		ing post and transom
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	or walnut	
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with another heavy hammer or block of steel to absorb the hammer blows. Space nails about 3 in. apart. Apply the thick mixture of glue and sawdust into the slit cut in the sponson bottom piece. These seams will be covered with fiberglass tape later.

Next, take up the clamps which were previously, rip, sawed to size and saw a 40° bevel along their entire length (Fig. 5B). Temporarily C-clamp them in place along the uppooutside edge of the side planks as in Fig. 1 and mark the underside of the forward tip for beveling to fit against the sponson top, Remove, bevel and again C-clamp them in place. If the beveled tip fits tightly against clamps to the side planks with glue and 1-in, nails. The top side of the clamp will project above the side planks at the fore end and will have to be planed down, but leave this go until the deck center support batten is in-



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for goad cantact with the decking, bend a 1/2 x 1/4-in. batten (indicated by datted lines) across the deck

stalled. Lay out and cut this deck batten from a length of 1 x 4-in. stock as detailed in Fig. 5G. Fasten the two pad pieces on both sides of the fore end of the deck battens with glue and 11/2-in. nails. Locate the fore end of the batten at the center and notch the aft end of the batten to fit in a similar notch cut in the top center of the #1 frame. Fasten batten with glue and one 11/2-in. nail at each end.

Then plane the fore ends of the clamps, fairing them at an angle so that the deck planking will make good gluing contact. Also bevel the fore edge of the decking on the underside so it will make a good tight seam with the bottom planking. Mark and trim both sides of the planking so that it will flare outward slightly at the fore end corners.

Since it will be impossible to paint the interior of the hull covered by the deck after it is installed, give this area including the underside of the deck one coat of Penta preservative and two coats of primer. Do not paint tops of clamps, deck batten and #1 frame nor that part of deck underside that contacts these members. Instead, apply glue on these surfaces and install decking. Fasten with 1¼-in. nails spaced 3 in. apart along clamps, batten and frame. Use 1-in. nails clinched on underside along fore edge as you did when assembling sponsons. Fill the saw slot at the center of the deck with glue and sawdust mixture.

Make up the motor board from %-in, solid stock sandwiched and glued between two pieces of 1/4-in, plywood as in Fig. 5F. Bevel the bottom of the motor board and assemble to the transom with the two wooden wedges as in Fig. 5F. Fasten with three #8 x 1%-in. fh screws along the bottom of the board and two 1/4 x 51/2-in. carriage bolts at the top.

Make the steering wheel support as in Fig. 6B and bolt it to the #1 frame with a 1/4 x 21/2-in. carriage bolt and to the bottom plank with a \(\lambda \times 1 \)\(\frac{1}{2} \)-in. carriage bolt as in Fig. 6D. A dab of paint under the head of the bolt used to fasten the steering support to the bottom plank will prevent entrance of water and eventual rotting at this point.

Finishing the Hull. First sand the entire hull inside and out with medium and fine sandpaper. Round all sharp corners so the finish will not wear thin at the edges. Apply fiberglass tape along edge where deck meets bottom planking at bow and along sponson edges. Also cover slit cut in sponson and bottom blanking with fiber-glass them.

If you want a natural wood finish, give the inside and outside of the hull one coat of clean Firzite followed by two coats of marine spar varnish. If you are painting the hull, apply one coat of white Firzite followed by one coat of enamel undercoater and finish with one coat of marine enamel of the color you desire.

Steering Ger. You can bolt a purchased steerer to the wheel support or, make the "drag-type" steering wheel shown in Fig. 6A. To make the wheel, first draw a full-size layout of the face plate on heavy paper. If you fold the paper and let the crease represent the wheel centerline only half the face plate need be drawn. Cut the folded paper on the drawn lines and you will have a full size paper pattern of the face plate when the paper is unfolded. Tape the pattern on a piece of %je-in aluminum and seribe around it. Cut the aluminum to shape with a coping or jig saw.

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Make a full size, cardboard pattern of the hand grips (Fig. 6A) and transfer two outlesses to Lin, this cook, made a hand grips to take the face plate and bolt the hand grips to take the face plate and bolt the hand grips to take the face plate and bolt the hand grips with face plate and bolt the hand grips with the face plate with 10-24 x 14/ fit stove bolts. Round off the corners of the hand grips with a file and sandpaper and finish with two coats of shellac and two or three applications of paste wax.

Make the steering-wheel drum from five discs cut from ¼-in. plywood and ¾-in. lumber as in Fig. 6C. Glue these discs together and fasten to the face plate with #8x 1½ fh screws. Mount the completed steering wheel to the wheel support with a ½-in. bolt, slotted nut and cotter pin. Rig the steering cable from wheel to outboard motor through two swivel pulleys fastened to the side planks (Fig. 1) on each side of the cockpit. Wrap cable on steering wheel drum so that it winds and unwinds at the top of the drum.

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Electronic Fishing Thermometer

Because the fish play it cool, this will help you locate the spots where they bite

By JAMES E. PUGH

HE sensitive thermistor in the probe of this \$11 instrument will give you temperature readings down to 50 or more feet below the surface of your favorite fishing waters. That is why you can use it to answer the question, "Where are they biting today?"

Fishing experts know that fish prefer waters within a certain temperature range; the exact range depending on the species (Table A). When the fish are in a level of water at the temperature they prefer, they



and the meter instantly reads the temperature.
Fig. 2. The meter scale is labeled to read directly in
degrees F. Left-handed fishermen will want to mount
the wire real on the opposite side.

are lively and will take lures readily. In warmer zones, they are more listless, often refusing bait altogether. The principle behind this fishy behavior is that any one kind of fish will seek water with the certain oxygen content that is most comfortable for him. Since the amount of absorbed oxygen in water depends largely on the water temperature (warm water holds less oxygen than cold water), the electronic remote thermometer will guide you to where your favorite fish are most likely to be found.

Preparing the Case. First lay out the hole locations on the black plastic case (Fig. 3). The arrangement of the wire reel shown in Fig. 2 is for right-handed fishermen. Southpaws should simply change the reel to the left side and the battery to the right. When you drill the holes, back up the underside of the case with a wooden block to prevent to make the 2%-in. hole for the meter. With to make the 2%-in. hole for the meter. With the left of the case with a wooden the hole and drill a %-in. hole just inside the circle. Then cut this section with a fine coping saw, and trim the hole with a fine half round file to fit the meter case exactly.

Next solder the junction of rivets and lugs on the battery holder (Fig. 4) to avoid possible trouble with a high resistance joint in the future. Also coat the inside surface of the rivet with solder where it contacts the battery, to avoid corrosion from battery leakage. Then mount the other parts and solder all connections (Fig. 5).

Be sure that your soldering iron is hot and clean, and use only rosin core solder. Apply the hot iron and a very small bit of solder to the joint at the same time. The layer of solder provides heat contact with the joint. After a moment when the joint is hot apply more solder. Remove the meter lugs when soldering to prevent damage to the meter, and use heat sinks to keep the small resistors cool

Although our model is shown with 50 feet of cable you can use any length to suit local needs. Tie one end of the cable to one of the reel spacers (Fig. 5A) allowing about 1-ft., to pass through the grommet into the case. Solder the connections and wind up the length of cable on the reel.

Testing Meter Wiring. To check the work so far, strip about 1/4-in. of insulation from the probe end of the cable. Place the battery in its holder and with the bare ends of the probe wire well separated. immerse them in a glass of water. The meter pointer should move upward on the scale, the amount of movement depending on the impurity of the water. If the meter reads backward, your battery is reversed in the holder.

Remember that the positive terminal of this battery is not the same as that of a flashlight cell. Mercury cells have a positive shell and a negative center. Mark the positive terminal lug of the battery holder with a dab of nail polish, or red paint,

Making the Probe. With a fine coping saw,

MATERIALS LIST-ELECTRONIC FISHING THERMOMETER 1.34-volt mercury cell, Mallory RM-401R (Lafayette BA-239)

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#1-33 wire markers. Brady B-500 (Newark 30F200) #34-66 wire markers, Brady-500 (Newark 30F201) machine screws, nuts, metal spacers, wood dowel, ball point sen casing, sement, sheet Bakelite, cardhoard nasket, plastic electrical tape, wire and rosin core solder

REVERSE WIRE REEL AND BATTERY FOR LEFT-HAND USE CARDBOARD GASKET METER 6-32 X I" FH BRASS SCREW DRILL 9 * WIRE REE SINK 4 REQ.) BAKELITE SPACER X 5 RUBBER FFF 1 6-32 X 1 FH, 3 4 RF0) SCREW AND NUT CASE

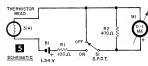
> cut the threaded end off the lower half of a plastic ball point pen casing. Drill eight 1/16in. holes around the pointed end (Fig. 6). Then shape a 21/8-in. length of wood dowel so it fits snugly into the casing with about 1/2in, projecting. You can turn a dowel down to the diameter needed by chucking it in an electric drill and removing excess wood with sandpaper. Carefully drill a 1/8-in. hole through the dowel, working from both ends to keep the hole centered. Notch the tapered end of the dowel (Fig. 6) to seat the plastic probe cable. Push the cable through, tie a single knot and dress the ends, tinning them with solder

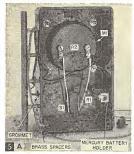
> Handle Thermistor Carefully. Remove the thermistor from its shipping box and place it on a clean white paper so it can be seen. It is so small it can easily be lost. With the thermistor laying on the paper, hold one of the cable ends against one of the tiny leads. Use a small tweezer as a heat sink to keep soldering heat from damaging the thermistor, carefully touching your clean soldering iron tip to the wire until the solder melts.

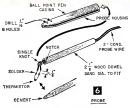
Fig. 4. Solder the terminal rivets and also coat the contacts to prevent corrosion. Mark the positive terminal to insure correct battery polority.

Fig. 5. Because the change of thermisters varies in manufacture, you may need to alter the values of R1 and R2. See text.









After the joint is cool, with a needle or small probe gently bend the other thermistor lead until it lays parallel to the first one. Solder as before. Then carefully ease the bead end of the thermistor into a point about ½-in. across, so it projects straight forward from the section of wire feeding into the wood dowel.

Testing the Thermistor. Now with the battery in the holder and the switch on, the meter should read about ¾ full scale. If the pointer doesn't move, one of your leads is not perfectly soldered. Resolder, noting that the meter should deflect when a good joint is obtained. Blow lightly on the thermistor and the reading should change.

in the state of the control of the control of the probe calle with polystyrene coil dope, or model cement. Full the cable, wet with the cement, back into the dowel until the knot rests firmly against the notched end and allow to dry for several hours. Then dip the thermistor and connections in the cement and dry for at least an hour. Apply additional coats and dry overnight. Then rub paraffin or beeswax on the wood dowel and insert gently into the plastic casing, so that for the control of the co

Colibrating the Meter. Take the meter out of the plastic case, and remove the four tiny screws from the rear of the front flange. Working in a clean dust-free place, casely, take the cover off and apply numbers left over from the wire marker set, to the dial, so that your meter reads from 0 to 100. Then the control of t

Remove the plastic probe cover and gently lay the tip of the probe against an ice cube. The meter should read 32. Now heat some water to 90° F, immerse the probe in it, and note the meter reading. Cool the water to 80° and check the meter reading. Repeat at each 10° step down to 40. The meter should indistributed to 10° step down to 40. The meter should indistributed to 10° step down to 40. The meter should indistributed to 10° step down to 40. The meter within ±2° from 32 to 80°. Above 80° the error becomes slightly higher.

If the meter reading is more than 1° off

at 32 and 70° it can be corrected by changing the value of R1 and R2. To do this, simply change R2 to cause the reading to be correct at 32°, and R1 to give a correct reading at 70°. Use a smaller value R2 to decrease the reading near 32° and a larger value R1 to decrease the reading near 70°.

Since these two resistors interact it may be necessary to change them alternately until the correct readings are obtained. If you





wish, these two fixed resistors can be replaced with variable controls. Replace R1 with a Mallory Type U-2, 500 ohm control, and R2 with a Mallory Type U-4, 1000 ohm control-both available at Lafayette Radio.

Seal the rear surface of the meter flange and the bottom cover of the case with plastic tape. Cement the meter movement adjustment screw on the front and the instrument is completed.

How Circuit Works. The temperature sensing probe is a special kind of resistor known as a thermistor. When this fast-acting thermistor is heated its resistance goes down, and when it is cooled its resistance goes up. Wired in series with the meter and battery it will cause the meter to read lower as the temperature becomes lower, and higher as the temperature becomes higher. The meter reading therefore shows the temperature at the probe.

Resistors R1 and R2 proportion the current so as to give a convenient meter reading, and switch S1, in the Off position, damps the meter movement to prevent damage to the pointer while the unit is being carried

Fishing Hints. Tie several fishing sinkers to the cable just above the probe. Allow enough string so they hang below the probe to prevent damaging it. Lower the probe into the water and turn the switch on. Almost immediately the meter will indicate temperature. As the probe sinks down, temperature will normally decrease gradually for the first 10 to 15 fect. Then, you'll go through a second

thermocline layer where the temperature drops more rapidly, followed by a third layer which reaches to the bottom and again decreases slowly in temperature (Fig. 7). This

is the normal pattern for quiet lakes, ponds and rivers. Near currents, springs and disturbed water, the pattern will take another

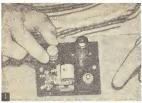
Now you can make a plot of your fishing spot, being on the lookout for cool springs that can easily be tracked down to their point of entry by following colder than normal areas back to their origin. Near such cool springs, many fish such as muskie gather on hot days. Drop your line in such a spot and they'll bite often.

Other places to check are river openings and spots where deep depressions have been formed on the bottom by currents (Fig. 8). Such deeper water will be cooler and thus more attractive to fish on hot days. After you plot your spots, noting the temperature where fish bite the best, you'll be able to go back any day, hot or cool, and get results after spot checking the temperature.

The exact temperature range preferred by various species will vary from Table A when local conditions are unusual. For example, rushing water will contain more oxygen than still water, and therefore, the fish will seek a warmer temperature. Also, when barometric pressure is high, the water will absorb more oxygen. When the barometer is high, the fish will seek a warmer range and when the pressure is heavy and depressing, they will prefer a cooler temperature.

Clip the chart from the page, and fasten it to the back of your thermometer case with tape and a few coats of varnish. The tiny mercury battery should last for over 800 hours, and since its output is constant at 1.34 volts, your readings should remain accurate throughout the season. But at season's end remove the battery to avoid damage due to battery leakage.

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Possing one finger over crystal cell actuates control relay in dim room light. Adjustment af patentiameter knob pravides

wide range of light sensitivity. CADMIUM sulphide crystal small as a transistor forms the heart of this compact photo-electric switch designed es-

pecially for light control applications requiring high output voltage or current at very

low light levels. The unit, known as the Clairex crystal photocell, needs only a fraction of a footcandle of illumination to fire the cold cathode discharge tube and, thus, operate the control relay. The cell is a plastic vial ¼ in, dia x1¾ in, long (Fig. 2). A transparent window in one end reveals the amber crystal with a sensitive surface barely 1/32 x 3/32 in. With 1/32 dia. x 1%-in, pigtail leads provided, you can wire it into a circuit as you would connect a small capacitor.

Assembled in chassis form (Fig. 1), the switch will mount in a cabinet as small as 3¼ x 3½ x 3¾ in, because there are no power



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Crystal Photo-Control Switch

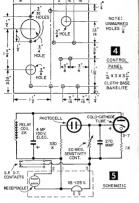
By THOMAS A. BLANCHARD

transformers, voltage-dropping resistors or rectifiers. The circuit generates no heat and it draws no current from the power line except when the photocell is exposed to light.

Construction. Make the chassis (Fig. 3) from a piece of non-conductive material (such as 1/16-in. linen base Bakelite or nonhydroscopic fiber) following dimensions and hole locations shown in Fig. 4. Holes for mounting the relay are expressly for the Sigma Type 4F. You can substitute Potter & Brumfield, Guardian or Advance relays with similar coil and sensitivity characteristics if



Crystol light switch assembled on a 3 x 31/2-in. bokelite panel. Special plug at lawer right pravides both operating and control voltages.



you modify mounting arrangements.

Secure the relay with two ¼-in x 6-32 binding head screws, with a soldering lug under one to establish contact with the relay armature. Attach the 3-lug tie strip with a ¼-in x 6-32 binding head screw and nut Mount a 7-pin wafer socket on 1-in centers with two rh ¼-in x 2-36 machine screws and nuts. Fasten the ¼ x1-in mounting studs with ¼-in x 6-32 binding head screws. A single ¾-hax 6-32 binding head screws. A single ¾-hax hax will hold the 20 meg. potentiometer.

Insert a %-in. O.D. x %-in. I.D. rubber grommet in the %-in. hole adjacent to the socket hole and press the crystal photocell into the grommet. The cell will remain firmly in place in this shockproof mount.

Wiring. You need less than a foot of regular hook-up wire since the component pigtail leads suffice for most of the wiring (Figs. 5 & 6).

Note use of the #2 lug of the tube socket as a tie-point for one side of the photocell and its 330K series wired protective resistor. This lug is not a functional part of the #5823 tube. Only lugs 1, 4, 3 and 7 connect to tube elements, and #3 and #7 are internally connected together which explains why pictorial blan shown in Fig. 7 has no connection on #3.

lan shown in Fig. 7 has no connection on #3. The special line cord is not installed until



Rear view shows all components terminating at rigid tie points, bare leads insulated with spaghetti radio tubing. Threaded studs are for cabinet mounting.

all other wiring has been completed. This poses no problems since all power and operating connections terminate on the 3-lug tie strip.

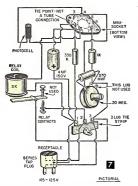
To eliminate the need for a large screw type terminal strip for power and relay contact connections, use a simple 3-wire extension cord system. The nucleus of this cord arrangement is the combination line cord plug and receptacle. When plugged into the power line, the pins deliver voltage to operate the control. The third cord wire connects through the relay contacts and returns to the receptacle cap on the plug. Thus any 115-125v. device plugged into the cap will operate when light strikes the crystal behotocell.

If you want to use the control with devices operating on dc- voltages lower and isolated from the power line, substitute an ordinary 2-wire fixture ord making connections to til lugs #1 and #3 only. Remove the relay wires from lugs #2 and #3 of its strip and connect directly into the low voltage operating circuits.

The normally open or "back contact" of the relay is not used in this design. However, both stationary contacts may be wired up to perform separate short interval functions: to start or stop any device when a ray of light reaches the Clairex cell.

Three twisted leads make up the line cord, but you can use a flat 3-conductor plastic zip

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cord stocked by larger electrical (not radio) jobbers. Widely used in electric heating pads and thermostat hook-ups, this cord is like ordinary fixture cord except for an additional wire.

Operating Tips. Because of the exceptional sensitivity of this control, you will have difficulty adjusting the 20 megohm potentiometer for precise pick-up and drop-out of relay con-

Inverted Brush Cleans Gun's Tip

 To keep the tip of your soldering gun clean of scale, woodscrew-fasten a brass-bristle



suede shoe brush to one end of your workbench. Wipe the soldering-gun tip across the brush occasionally to keep it clean for efficient soldering.—J.A.C.

MATERIALS LIST-PHOTO-CONTROL SWITCH

No. Req. Size and Description

1 pc $\frac{1}{16} \times 3 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ bakelite or fiber panel

2 $\frac{1}{4} \times 1$ bushings threaded 6-32, for spacers

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1/4 x 1" bushings threaded 6-32, for spacer 1/4 x 2-56 rh machine screws and nuts 1/6 x 6-32 binding head machine screws 1/4 x 6-32 binding head machine screws 6-32 mil

#6 soldering lug 36 O.D. x 32 I.D. rubber grommet

3-lug tie strip
7-pin miniature wafer socket, mounting holes 1" centers
RCA special purpose cold cathode discharge tube #5823°
Type CL2 Chiarry crystal photospil (Chiarge Copy 19.4)

Type CL-2 Clairex crystal photocell (Clairex Corp., 19 W. 26th St., New York 10, N. Y.)* 4 mfd., 150 WV electrolytic capacitor (Cornell-Dubilier #8R-415)

270 mmf. C-D ceramic capacitor 2K ohm relay (Sigma #4F) 1/2 watt, 330K (330,000) ohm resistor

1 watt 1K (1000) ohm resistor 10 mepohm IRC Potentiometer Type RQ (screwdriver slotted short shaft) or Type PQ (1/4 x 3" round shaft) Woodwin plug #889 (Wood Electric Corp., Glendale, L. I.,

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tacts unless the control is first mounted in a cabinet. Drill a hole not more than 1-inch in diameter in the cover directly opposite the panel location of the crystal photocell. The sensitivity rises as resistance increases betilded to the control of the control of the tube. As you rotate the potentionneter show that the control of the control of the control will be required to trigger the circuit.

While the control shown in Fig. 2 is fitted with a knob, more precise adjustments for sensitivity are possible if your potentiometer has a short shaft slotted for a screwdriver. A small hole in the control cabinet permits this adjustment with the door closed.

• You can keep

that can of soldering paste flux clean and make it last longer if you punch a small hole in the

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lid to receive the tip of a wire or wire solder. When you insert the tip into the hole and withdraw it, a small amount of the flux will adhere—in just the right quantity for radio work.—JOHN A. COMSTOCK.

Foil Reflects Iron's Heat

 Ever melt the wax out of a paper capacitor or damage other components when soldering wires nearby? To prevent overheating adjacent parts in a radio circuit with heat radiated from your iron, shield them with a piece of aluminum foil, which will reflect most of the heat.—JAC.



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Soldering "Pen" Absorbs Heat

· Soldering iron heat can ruin transistors and other small electronic parts, unless you use a heat sink. Pliers are often too bulky and heavy for the job, especially in the corners of chassis wiring, or working on minia-



turized circuits. Remove the ink cartridge from an old ball point pen, and saw off the tip about 1/2-in. from the end. Then heat the back end of a Mueller #88 test clip and force it into the pen handle. A drop of cement completes this handy tool.

Film Spools Make Radio Knobs

· You can make push-up plastic knobs for your radio and electronic projects at no cost, by using discarded size 120 film spools. Saw the plastic spool flanges off at the end of the film slot. If necessary, enlarge the inside with



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This electronic detective is ideal for either salvage work or treasure hunting



Two control knobs on the front panel adjust volume and sensitivity. The 4-ft, loop will dotect large metal objects at 10-ft, moximum ronge.

By C. L. HENRY

HEN the muddy water closes over the expensive camera or binoculars someone dropped overboard—or the silt hides the outboard which flipped off the transom—even a skilled skindiver may not be able to find them.

But this locator can do t with ease. Lower the sensitive detector loop in the water, and as it nears the metal object, a change in the loudspeaker tone pinpoints the object's location.

You can hear the detector tone even when the outboard motor is running, because the loudspeaker delivers almost a full watt of audio power.

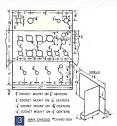
With the loop shown in Fig. 1, our model was tested with 100 feet of cable. The unit will, how-

ever, perform down to depths of 500 feet, if you want to add additional cable. Power is supplied by a 6-volt auto battery, which will operate the unit for about 100 hours of intermittent service. The materials for this unit total from ½ to 0½ the cost of various commercial units. This detector will not only save hours of searching time, but it can also pay for itself the first time it's used. And it works equally well in sait or fresh water.

Before we forget, there's a \$25 prize which will go to the first reader who sends in a closeup action photo of the completed unit, together with a letter describing his experience in building and testing the metal detetor from these plans. Date of postmark on the letter determines the winner.

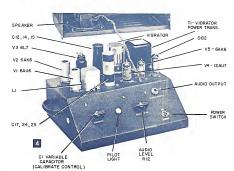
Connectors for power, and the two lines which feed down to the loop oscillator are grouped on the bock of the chassis. Copyright 1960 by Science and Mechanics Magazine 450 East Ohio Street Chicago 11, Illinois

Battery Powered, Underwater METAL DETECTOR



Construction of this beat oscillatortype metal detector starts with the main chassis (Fig. 4.) Locate all of the chassis holes (Fig. 3) with a rule and scriber. Punch the socket holes with a chassis knockout, or use a fly cutter on a drill press. Weatherproof the speaker by spraying with five or six light coats of plastic spray, and then mount it in the right front of the chassis cover (Fig. 4). Mount the parts as shown in Fig. 5 with the controls on the sloping front. On the rear, mount the fuse holder, and the connectors for the battery and search remote cables (Fig. 2).

Chassis wiring (Fig. 6) is not criti-



cal, but be sure that you keep the audio input and output separated. Also, isolate the oscillator wiring away from the rest of the wiring as much as possible. Run a bus of heavy copper wire for all ground connections. Spray completed wiring with acrylic plastic.

Mount the loop oscillator on two pieces of sheet aluminum (Fig. 7), fastened together with self-tapping screws. The assembly fits into the waterproofed plywood box (Fig. 7A). Wiring of the loop oscillator is isolated from the control unit in the boat, so the wiring of the oscillator is not critical. For extreme depths, add a value stem for pressurizing the box.

Making the Detector Loop. The 4-ft. underwater loop is a giant sandwich made of three marine plywood rings (Fig. 8A) fastened together with Weldwood Cement, or an equivalent waterproof marine glue. For temporary fastening, use small wood screws that can be removed later.

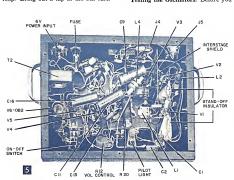
When the glue is completely dry, wind 22 turns of #12 thermoplastic-insulated solid copper wire (commonly used for home wiring) into the loop. Bring out a tap at the 5th turn

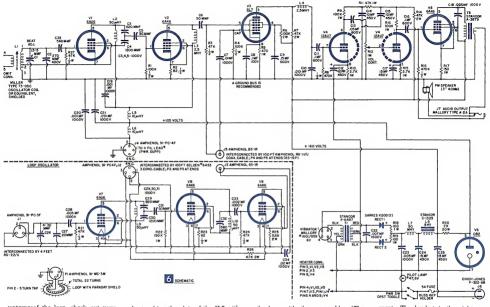
(Fig. 8, Sec. A-A). Make the winding as tight as possible to prevent shifting when the equipment is jarred in use. Winding loosely causes unstable loop performance.

Splice the two leads and the tap of the loop to 4 feet of RG-223-conductor coaxial cable, and extend this cable out through a Pyle National (or equal) cable feed-through. Later when you coat the entire loop with fiber glass, build up the feed-through connection

as in Fig. 8, Sec. A-A. Since the loop is part of the oscillator circuit, it must be shielded against stray electromagnetic and capacitive effects. Add a Faraday shield by making a winding of #20 bare copper wire completely around the loop (Fig. 8B). Space the turns about 1-in. apart. Then pull a piece of #20 bare copper wire through these windings on the inside of the loop. Now solder this wire to each turn of the first winding (Fig. 9). Cut the outside of each turn and fold the wire back into the loop rim so that there are no closed turns or loops around the ring. This completes the Faraday shield.

Testing the Oscillators. Before you



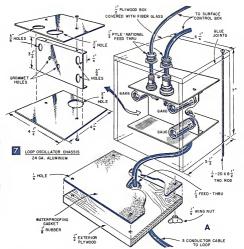


waterproof the loop, check out your wiring. Plug your main chassis into a hot shot or storage battery, and check the power supply voltages with a voltmeter 250 V scale (see Table A). Use a broadcast radio to check the oscillator operation. It should pick up a signal at about 800 kc. You may have to run a wire out of the oscillator to heard. Then check the audio section heard. Then check the audio section by touching the plate of the 6L7 with a screwdriver. This should cause a loud noise in the speaker with the volume about half way up. If the scillator fails to operate, you can find the trouble quickly by checking your voltages and resistances against the chart (Table A). A working oscillator, should show a blue voltage of at least

Now connect the loop oscillator to

the loop with the coax cable. (The length of this cable must be exactly 53-in.). Connect the oscillator to the control unit, and use your broadcast receiver as before to determine whether the oscillators in functioning. The frequencies of the two oscillators Adjust Cl and C28 for a beat. The beat note should be loud; probably woull find several beats in the adjustment. The loudest is the right one to use.

If you can't find a beat, follow this procedure exactly. First remove C2 and replace with a 50 mm/d mica capacitor. Adjust C1, C26 and the slug in L1. If you have no luck, replace C2 with a 100 mm/d capacitor and try again to find a loud beat. Continue the process adding 50 mm/d each time until a loud beat is found.



With both oscillators running, you can check your loop (out of water) for these results with metal targets:

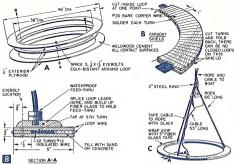
SENSITIVITY
object distance
aluminum boat 10 feet
5 gallon can 5 feet
14-in. aluminum pan
quart can
flashlight battery 2 inches

Waterproofing the Loop. If your unit now performs with equal sensitivity, you are ready to finish construction. Cover the loop completely with 3-in. fiber glass tape and resin. Be sure to build up many coatings of fiber glass to strengthen the area around the coax feed-thru (Fig. 8).

Mount three evebolts on the loon

and attach three 66-in pieces of 39-in manila or nylon rope. The these lines to the cables and the line which feeds up to the boat, so that the loop is held horizontally in the water (Fig. 8C). Now permanently connect the loop to the loop oscillator. Be sure after you make the three connections to the loop oscillator box, that the plywood make the three connections to the loop oscillator box, that the plywood waterproofed with the fiber plastensterials. The tubes will rarely require replacement.

Since your loop has an airspace between the wire and the fiber glass, it will not sink. Cut two holes in the outside of the fiber glass, and with the loop leaning against a wall, pour in loose sand or a thin mixture of cement. After the air space is filled, the loop will weigh about 45 pounds and will

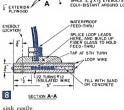


loop oscillator. (Keep loop 10 ft. away from metal when zeroing.)

This zero beat method requires about 50 cycles of loop oscillator frequency change for detection. By setting the Calibrate (C1) control so you get an audio tone of about 400 cycles (with no metal nearby) you can increase the sensitivity, since the tone will rise or fall in pitch with slight loop oscillator frequency shifts. If C1 is set to the left side of zero, tone will rise for non-magnetic items, and fall for magnetic items. If C1 is set right of zero, action will be opposite. But there is a disadvantage; the continuous tone is annoying, and with the 1-watt audio output of the amplifier can be heard by fishermen 300 feet away. Earphones up to 10,000 ohm can he plugged into the output tack.

To search, with C1 adjusted for zero heat lower the loop until it strikes bottom. Then raise the cable two or three feet and tie it. Slowly move the boat in a search pattern until you hear a beat. Now you can close in on the object using the tone method if you need the additional sensitivity. Pinpoint the object and lower the loop

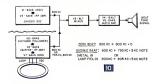
to it. The final step is to lower a grapple to retrieve the object. Or leave a marker buoy for the diver to follow. Although the maximum range of detection is 10 feet, the equipment rapidly locates objects that otherwise would be impossible to find in low visibility waters.



How the Circuit Works. The metal detector uses two oscillators, one underwater with the loop and the other in the control unit (Fig. 10). The loop functions as the inductance of the loop oscillator V7 which normally functions at about 800 kc. The oscillation, amplified by V8 and V9, is fed through one of the cables up to the boat. In the control unit, a similar oscillator (V1 and V2) also supplies an 800 kc signal. Both 800 kc signals feed to the mixer V3. The beat from these signals is amplified by the audio amplifier (V4 and V5) and fed to the loudspeaker.

When the loop approaches metal. its inductance changes, thus the frequency of the oscillator shifts. For example, let's say we are approaching a submerged outboard motor. The loop oscillator will shift to perhaps, 795 kc. After beating with the control unit oscillator (at 800 kc) a 5 kc beat will feed to the speaker giving you a change in the pitch of the tone indicating that metal is present. Tone shift will be reversed for non-magnetic

metals. Metal Hunting Procedure, Lower the loop slightly into the water and adjust C1 for zero beat; the control oscillator at the same frequency as the



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MODEL CRAFT



Small lamp was installed inside this model to adapt it for use as a night light in boy's bedroom.

NE of the great American transportation classics, the covered Conestoga wagon makes an ideal model for beginning model-crafters. As shown, its details can be simplified without sacrificing an authentic appearance. And it is easily convertible into a night lamp for a youngster's room, as indicated in Fig. 1. All balsa parts will

cut out of a single 2 x 36-in. sheet of ½-in. balsa wood, available at hobby shops. Pine and maple scrap will do for the other wood pieces. Cut the parts as

you go along to allow for any deviation in dimensions which may occur during assembly. Constructing the Wagon Body. Start work

Constructing the Wagon Body. Slart work by shaping up the wagon sides and bottom as in Fig. 3A and B. On the bottom piece, bevel front edge 45° from top as in Fig. 3B and bevel its side edges 10°. Then bevel top and bottom edges of side pieces 10° so they will fit flush as in Fig. 4. Assemble with cement and straight pins as shown in Fig. 4, keeping pins ¼-in. from edge and about ½ in. apart. Cut seat, seat back, front and foot boards

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After checking assembly, shape up seat back for snug fit between sides and against seat back and front board when located ½0-in. below top edges of step-downs in the wagon sides as in Fig. 6.

Make the balsa wood tailgate as in Fig. 3D.



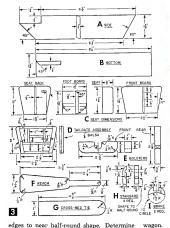
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propriate outdoor setting for pioneering doys.

Cut a ½ x ½-in, strip for side trim and ½ x ½-in, strip for all other tallgate trim. Check gate against the wagon body to assure a good fit, then fasten trim with cement. When dry, sand trim edges lightly to give roughly a half-round shape. Cement assembled tailgate to body as in Fig. 7.

Out of the 1/8-in. balsa sheet, cut four 1/16 x 8-in. strips for sheer bands and sand top





Straight pins make good "noils" for attaching wagan sides to bottom. Bore holes with a #60 drill first and hold work in a clamp.



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edges to near half-round shape. Determine center line on each wagon side. Push a straight pin through center of a band and on wagon centerline %-in. below top. Bend up at each end as in Fig. 6 and drive in pins to hold the position. Do the same for top band on other side. Then attach lower bands in similar fashion, with their centers %-in, below that of top bands. Move bands out a bit them and wagon sides as in Fig. 7; then press down bands for firm contact. When dry, trim off ends.

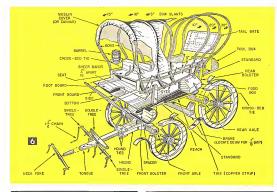
Shape up the bolsters as in Fig. 2E, forming a center groove in front bolster with a coping saw. If you prefer to cut a dado on your table saw, use an oversize piece so you'll have something to handle. Cement front bolster on wagon bottom %-in. behind front board and centered. Cut the reach as in Fig. 3F and use it to locate rear bolster. Center the rear bolster across wagon bottom and align it with wide end of the reach. Project front of reach about ½-in. through front bolster dado as in Fig. 6C and cement in place. Shape up cross-bed tie as in Fig. 3G and cement in place between wagon bottom and reach, 1½-in. behind front bolster so that the projects equally on each side of the

wagon. Cut the four standards to outside dimensions as in Fig. 3H. Locate each in its position over a bolster, as in Figs. 1, 6 and 10, to mark cut-out for a sheer band. Cut this carefully with a coping saw and cement in position.

Cut a ¼ x % x 4¼-in. piece of pine for a brake beam. Shape brake blocks from pine scrap as in detail I in Fig. 3 and cement each end of the beam into a groove of a brake, making ends flush as in Fig. 9. Put this subassembly aside until wheels are in place.

Cut the simulated food and tool boxes out of pine scrap to sizes in Fig. 8A and B. From thin copper sheet, shape six pieces as shown in Fig. 8C, and attach with ½-in. secuticheon pins to simulate hinges and hasps of the food and tool boxes, as in Figs. 1, 2, 3A and B. Center food box on one side of crossbed tie (Fig. 2) and tool box on tail end of wagon bottom (Fig. 1); then cement boxes in place.

You can turn the water barrel from a 1-india maple dowel to dimensions in Fig. 8D. Mount a 7 or 8-in. length of dowel in the lathe and turn barrel shape close to either stock as in Fig. 9, to avoid whip. When shaped and sanded, remove barrel, cut off waste ends and sand smooth. As an alter-



MATERIALS LIST-COVERED WAGON

Size and Description 1/8 x 2 x 36" balsa (for seat and back, front board, tailgate

The '/g x 2 x 30' falsa (or seat and book, non-book) and frim, sheer bands, bows, spacer, hound ties, berrel handle) scrap assorted small pine or similar pieces from shop scrap or a box such as an apple crate (for sides, bottom, foot board, bolsters, reach, cross-bed tie, brake assembly, food and tool boliter, reach, cross-bed its, brake astembly, food and tool bosts, adds, house, foogus, standard, wheel rims, doublettree) by the comparison of the compari

ox nails .032" copper wire (for tongue assembly)

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small link chain (for tongue assembly)
8% x 12" pc muslin or light canwas, 4 ft brown string or
heavy thread, pkg straight pins, model cement or glue, contact cement

nate, you could do this in a drill press if you cut dowel to correct length and drilled a center hole so dowel could be mounted on a bolt and gripped in the chuck. Use files for shaping. Cut handle out of balsa as in Fig. 8D, and cement to barrel top.

Axle-Tongue Assembly. Shape rear axle (Fig. 11B), trimming each end to a near round shape, center axle over rear bolster and cement in place. Prepare the front axle housing (Fig. 11A), using a coping saw for the two dadoes. Nearly round ends as above.

To make the hound (Fig. 11C), drill the 34-in. hole first, cut slot to meet it and then shape the outside. Cut a % x 2%-in, spacer out of 1/8-in. balsa, fit hound inside the hous-

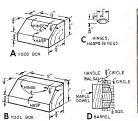


Pin in position, coment bands and then push them tight against side, Remove pins and excess cement when dry.

ing dadoes and cement spacer across the openings in housings.

Shape the tongue as in Fig. 11D, tapering one end down to a 1/8-in. dia., and the hound ties as in Fig. 11E. Place ties across ends of hound prongs as shown in Fig. 10, and attach with cement and 1/4-in, escutcheon pins, Sand top and bottom of tongue on its wide end so that it can swing a bit up and down when attached to the hound. Insert end 1/4 in. inside the hound ties and fasten with ½-in. escutcheon pin after boring mating hole through center of hound ties and tongue.

Shape the doubletree from pine as in Fig. 11F, hand sanding front and rear edges to nearly half-round. Shape the singletrees and neck yoke as in Fig. 11G by chucking 3/16-in.





ACCESSORIES

Turning water barrel on 1-in, maple dowel. When finished, cut off excess stock, sand edges smooth and add a few scratches and nicks to emphasize a well-worn appearance.

dowel in a drill press or portable electric drill and tapering with file or sandpaper.

To attach chain, thread a 2-in, length of wire through end link of a 1½-in, length of chain. Center chain on the wire and wrap wire around a small nail to form a ring. Twist wire tightly about six times, cut off excess wire beyond the twisted area, then cement the twisted free end in hole at end of yoke. Repeat for other end of yoke and each end of singletrees as in Fig. 10.

To fasten singletrees to doubletree, pass a 2-in. length of wire through hole in end of doubletree, center it and twist tightly about six times. Wrap around center of singletree, twist tightly twice and cut off excess.

Since the doubletree must swivel, drill a $\frac{1}{10}$ -in. hole through its center and attach it to the tongue with a $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. escutcheon pin.

to the tongue with a ½-in. escutcheon pin.

Making the Wheels. Turn the four hubs from
the remaining piece of your maple dowel
mounted in the lathe, following dimensions
in Fig. 12B. If you prefer, you can make the

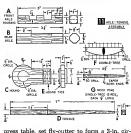
hubs one at a time on a drill press.

If you own a fly-cutter, you can make the wheel rims (Fig. 12A) easily as shown in Fig.

13. Clamp %-in, pine stock firmly to drill



Sub-assemblies make the job easier. Water barrel and food box are on cross-bed tie to shoe position. Tie must be attached before these are added.



press tane, set my-curter to form a s-in curcle for a rear wheel and drill down at slowest speed until you are almost through the stock. Sold as the control of the control of the curcured. To free the ring, cut carefully through remaining stock with a sharp knife. Sand smooth. Repeat the process for the 2-in. diameter front wheels.

You could also turn out the rims on a lathe or, with a little more effort, form them with a coping saw or on a jigsaw.

Using %-in. dia. dowel, cut 24 spokes 1½, in. long for rear wheels and 24 more ¾ in. long for front wheels. Now make a cardboard template the size of the wheel, mark diameters 30° apart and place wheel rim on it to mark proper spoke spacing, bore holes through rim at each mark, first with a #2-be through rim to bub as in Figs. 12A and B. dressing hub ends as required so all will fit snugly in groove in the hub.

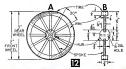
For tires, wrap %-in thin copper strip around each rim as in Fig. 14; butt the ends and attach with contact cement. Drill ½-in. holes through center of wheel hubs and into ends of each axle for depth of % in.

To attach front running gear, drill a ¼6-in, hole through center of front sale housing and spacer, drill the same size hole up through center of bolster and fasten by driving in a #16 x 1¼-in. escutcheon pin or a 3d box nail. Use same type pin or nail to attach wheels to axles. Open up wheel holes just enough to permit free wheel movement. Locate the brake beam assembly, made earlier, so that curved edges of brake blocks are ½ in. in front of rear wheels as in Fig. 1, then cement beam to the reach as in Fig. 5.

For bows, cut six or more strips out of ½-in. balsa sheet, then slightly taper ends and round edges as in Fig. 15A. Extras will come in handly in case of breakage while handling. Soak strips in hot water for several hours before bending. If they don't bend easily, soak longer. Bend and locate as in Fig. 6D. Hold in place with straight pins and cement. Drive pins through and snip off excess

inside of the wagon.

Cut cover from an old bedsheet or piece of light canvas to dimensions in Fig. 15B, fold over edges ¼ in. where indicated and sew seams. Thread string through seams in each end. Soak the cover and, while wet, shape it over the bows. Pull string tight at each end and knot the rear one. Leave the front one seat.

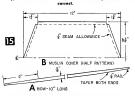




You get matching rims for two wheels if you cut rings from %-in. stack. Use fly-cutter at slawest speed, cut nearly through and finish with sharp knife. Clamp ring and slice in half with fine hacksaw blade, turning ring soveral times during the pracess.



Coat bath rim and tire with contact cement. When dry, roll tire anta wheel, but be sure pasition is



Make the eyes from straight pins snipped to \$\frac{4}{2}\tau\$. In legal, Form a small ring at the blunt end with long nose pliers and press eyes in place at locations shown in Fig. 6. Knot string at the rear eye on each side, thread it through a needle, then pass it through seam on the cover, through the next have used to be seen to be seen the second that the string that the second that the sec

That Weatherbeaten Look. To be really authentic, your model should appear rough and weatherbeaten. Use medium sandpaper to mar any square corners. Nick and scuff edges of tool box, food box, barrel and standards.

Go over all wood parts with light maple stain and, before dry, add walnut stain in places such as wheel hubs and rims, corners and foot board. Let it soak in on end grain and rub it off on some flat surfaces to create highlights.

Avoid blotching and feather in the walnut stain to the basic maple coloring as much as possible. No further finishing is necessary, but you could apply a very light coat of orange shellac to help preserve the appearance, and rub lightly with steel wool to dull the gloss.

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View of 12-ft. section of low bulkhead before installation of cap rail. Iron rads protruding through posts are attached to bulky "anchors" buried in back. Nuts added to threaded rad ends are tightened to straighten bulkhead line; can be adjusted easily to meet channing conditions.

Bulkhead Land Saver for Waterfront Homes

By CLINTON R. HULL

If you own a waterfront home, a low bulkhead to resist the erosive action of tides, currents or waves is one of the best investments you can make. Using treated, rot-resisting wood as in Fig. 1, you can do a very creditable job at a fraction of the cost of a concrete-steel project.

Before locating the bulkhead, consider the difference between normal high and low tides or, in the case of lakes and streams, high and low water. Most practical site will be at the point where high water stands about 12 to 18 in. deep. This places the bulkhead far enough back to provide some beach in front of it during low water, to permit a more level fill behind it for the cottage yard and to make a high, more expensive and much harder-to-hold bulkhead unnecessary. Set back from the channel edge, moreover, your bulkhead will not be undermined nearly as quickly

The anchored bulkhead shown in Fig. 1 is formed of 2 x 12-in. planking on 4 x 6-in. posts 6 ft. long, installed with only the two top rows above ground. We used redwood straight-grain stock, but cypress or cedar will

do as well.

Multiply the length of
your bulkhead by four
for linear feet of planking
required and specify it in
12 and 16-ft. lengths in
order to stagger the joints
on the posts as in Fig. 2A.
Divide bulkhead length
by four and add one to
get the number of posts
you need. Order both unsurfaced to provide full
thickness and a better

surface for preservatives. Cut planks and posts to size and shape post bottoms to a point

with a hatchet or axe.

Treat the Wood Yourself. Pressure-treated lumber is ideal, but you can save considerable money if you have the patience to do a preservative job yourself. Mix equal parts of liquid tar, creesote and kerosene. Lay out the wood in the hot sun and give it a soaking coat daily for a week. Don't forget the ends. If you are on tidal water, plan ahead by checking tide tables for the days when low

tide will occur at your most convenient work-



to hose of larger inside diameter helps speed the digging for posts through tough beach sand.

ing time. If along a stream or lake, do the job at a time of low water. Begin construction by sinking the two end

Begin construction by sinking the two end posts 4 ft. into the ground, using an auger, post-hole digger or shovel where possible. If the ground is not too hard, you may be able to drive the pointed posts into position with a heavy maul. Neither method will apply if you are working in beach sand. In that case, you will need to rook the posts "home" aided

by water pressure.

Put a hose connection on an end of ½-inpipe about 8 ft. long and bend that end of the pipe to about a right angle. Couple this to a garden hose, turn on water, and use the pipe as a jet nozzle as in Fig. 3. If water supply or pressure is lacking, you can rent a small motorized pumper from a local hardware store, well driller or boat landing operator. Insert the pipe jet into ground at a post location; work it back and forth for speedier action, then rock post in position with aid of the jet as in Fig. 4 until seated firmly at level you desire. You'll need approximately 15 minutes to position each post.

Install the other end post and stretch a tight line between them to check for alignment, height and spacing of other posts. If line sags because of distance, install a center post next to tighten and straighten line for full length. Mark line every 4 feet to indicate post centers. Install remaining posts and level

tops.

To make room for planks, dig a 2-ft. deep ditten on a line in back of and across all posts. If you are dealing with dry sand or mud, this can be the toughest part of the job. Thoroughly soak all dry sand in the path



rocking bock and forth while pipe jet alongside supplies water under pressure to loosen sand below.

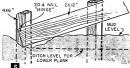
of the planks with a lawn sprinkler to keep it from filling the ditch as fast as you dig it out. Use some planks to help hold it back.

Where mud is encountered, dig it out at a post where you plan to install one end of a bottom plank. Work end to approximate position, put a 20d galvanized nail through upper corner of the plank and part way into the post to act as a hinge as in Fig. 5. The plank post to act are a hinge as in Fig. 5. The plank under it. If an assistant is handly to stand on the plank, it will level out more quickly.

After checking position with tape and level, nail up each bottom plank, using 20d gal-vanized spikes. Drive these in firmly, four at each post, including joint ends as in Fig. 2B to reduce gradual tendency of planks to warp outward under pressure of the fill and pull of the sun on the exposed side. Spike of the sun of t

Holding the Bultheed in Line. Discarded flywheels, old metal car wheels and similar bulky objects make excellent anchors for the bulkhead. Obtain one for every other post in the bulkhead, as well as a ½-in. dia. x 8 ft. iron rod with a head at one end and threaded in the bulkhead, as well as a 25-in. dia. x 8 ft. iron rod with a head at one end and threaded and. Attach rod firmly to an anchor and exend. Attach rod firmly to an anchor and extend threaded rod end just past an end post.

Bore a ½-in. dia. hole through center of top plank and post at a slight upward angle as in Fig. 6. Pass threaded rod end through hole, slip on a washer and engage nut. Dig out enough sand or dirt to bury anchor 30 in. and to lower rod as needed, then



SETTING BOTTOM PLANKIN MUD

refill area and pack down. Do the same to every other post in the bulkhead. Draw up on the nuts as desired to straighten bulkhead where needed.

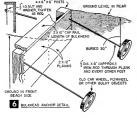
Cut off rod protruding beyond nuts, smooth rough edges with a file and touch up threaded areas, nut, and washers with the creosote mixture or paint to prevent rusting.

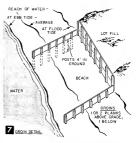
Level ground on each side of the bulkhead as desired. An anchor may shift a bit in the process; also during the first few days as the earth settles. Adjust by tightening nuts on threaded rods where needed.

Build steps cut from 2 x 12-in, planking and 4 x 6 post as in Fig. 1. For wider, stronger steps, nail stringers against inside of two bulkhead posts. Apply several coats of the preservative to all exposed wood.

Built-is Seat for Bathers. To improve strength, appearance and utility, install a 2 x 10-in. cap rail across top of the bulkhead as in Fig. 6, except the part where steps are located. Order the wood smooth four sides and spike it well to the edge of the planking, after centering all butt joints over posts. Use 206 galvanized nails spaced a foot apart. Also drive two nails into ends of each post. Round off all outside edges and sand smooth.

The rail need not be treated with the creosote preservative, but should be well protected. As a more attractive finish for bath-





ers, you can use marine primer and deck paint, or cover rail with stain and several coats of marine spar varnish.

Taming Swift Currents. If swift-running current or strong tides wear away your beachfront despite a bulkhead, you can break up or redirect the flow by installing a two or three-plank groin on each end of the bulkhead at right angles to the beach as in Fig. 7.

Construct groins in the same manner as the bulkhead, with post backing up planting against direction of strongest currents. If incoming and outgoing tides exert equal pressure against the property, alternate posts on each side of the planking and space them only 3 feet apart.

When your work is done, go over all exposed areas with a new application of preservative. Do this periodically and your bulkhead will last many years.

Garden Tool Box

 Keep your workgloves and small garden tools such as trowel and shears near flower and vegetable beds for quick access when you have a few minutes to spare.
 On a post made of scrap lumber, angle iron or thick tree



limb, about 3 ft. high, nail or bolt an old lunchbox, RFD mailbox, small wooden box, or even an old, untenanted bird-house with top or one side hinged and bird-entrance plugged up. Paint unit according to your taste and, if desired, train climbing vines or flowers up base and around box.



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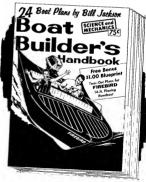
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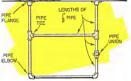
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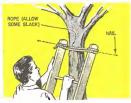
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Store long material on a rack made from lengths of water pipe and fittings. Mount to overhead joists with lag strews or large wood screws. Center frame keeps flexible material from sagging or supports shorter material.



Tie a stout rope around the ladder near the end and you'll have an easier time climbing the heights of a tree or pole. If the ladder is frequently used for this work, nall the rope to the ladder sides.

Ideas For



Replacement pencil erasers slipped on clothes hooks will keep garments from falling off.



A large juice can with the lid partly cut out, trimmed and bent as shown makes a handy portable container for tools and small parts needed for ladder jobs.



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A dented aluminum pan or kettle can, in many instances, be restored to shape with a hammer fitted with a rubber cane or crutch tip. Use modeling day as an anvil on which to rest the pan.

Your Home



A loyer of pebbles covering the bottom of a leoky mail box will keep the letters above the water line,



A piece of corrugated rubber stoir tread placed inside the built-in bothroom soop holder eoses cleoning. Just rinse under the woter top.



Teach a small child to cross off each day on a colendor hung on the wall of his room and he'll acquire number recognition and outomatically learn the use of the colendor. Suspend the croyon or pencil from the wall on a string.



Make spading easier by bolting a short piece of angle iron to the edge of the spade. Or, split one or two pieces of old lawn have lengthwise and fit them to the spade.

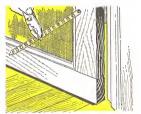


Freshen your soiled dust mop by boiling it in water to which you've added a toblespoon of sade and two of paraffin. To the rinse water add ten drops of furniture polish.

More Ideas For



Use solder wire as a linoleum-cutting guide. Start with a right angle, then bend wire to outline abstacles such as addly-shaped corners and built-ins. Place wire pattern on linaleum, trace, then cut aut.



Re-align a sagging screen daar by screwing across the corner a straightened hase clamp and turning the



Use a paint raller, immersed in warm sudsy water, ta soak wallpaper far remaval. Pull off with the aid of a painter's broad knife.



Use a baby battle brush ta clean out thase narrownecked flower vases.

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Make a luxuriaus bathmat of 1" faam rubber. Add a black barder and initials with plastic rubber, applying it directly from the tube after having sketched the initials with a soft-lead pencil.

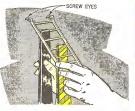


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If your rubber-cavered dish drainer ages and sticks, clean and dry it, then apply a thin coat of white shellac to harden the rubber and keep it from sticking.



Warm air from a hair drier, directed from the side against charcaal briquettes will hasten igniting. The same idea works well with fireplaces, furnaces and small shap forges.



A bird ladder can serve as a handy tie rack. Fasten in place with screw eyes.



Use Dad's arbital partable electric sander, equipped with a lambswaal pad, as a massager. It will stimute circulation and relax aching muscles.

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His and Hers **MIRRORS**

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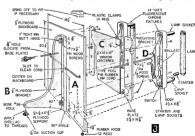
IGHTING in many bathrooms and dressing rooms may hamper good grooming, but you can get that better shave and your wife that better cosmetics job using portable lightmirrors you can make for a modest outlay.

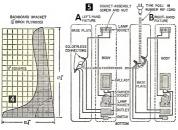
Materials for the shaving mirror shown in Fig. 1 and the makeup mirror in Fig. 2 will range between \$15 and \$20 each, depending on locality. Each has a standard fluorescent fixture to bathe your face with even, dif-

fused light, also a convenience outlet and switch.

Portable Shaving Mirror. Equally suited for desk, table or bureau, this unit has a novel feature in its suction cup attachment which prevents accidental tipping. When bracket is folded flat, it's easy to carry around.

Procure two chrome-plated 14-watt bathroom fixtures of type shown in Fig. 1. Dimensions in Fig. 3 are for Progress fixtures #1015CO with warm-tone lamps #F20T12-







cup keeps portable shaving mirror from tipping ar sliding; rubber knabs prevent scratching.

MATERIALS LIST-PORTABLE SHAVING MIRROR Size and Description

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 $10/e^4$ da. where continuous with #6-32 threaded studies used to supply store) or tight-oin 1^4 cabinet but hinges (tracket) set solders connectors for #18 wire, attachment plug, 2 rubber knobs and the following zinc-plated fh wood screes: $3.78 \times x_0^{10}$ (support), $4.46 \times x_0^{10}$ (mirror clamps) $8.44 \times x_0^{10}$ (hinges) Misc

WWX, stocked by many hardware and electrical stores. They are pre-wired but lamp sockets must be assembled. Similar makes can be used but you may need to vary dimensions. If you can't obtain them, write Progress Mfg. Co. Inc., Castor Ave. and Tulip St., Philadelphia, Pa., for name of nearest dealer. (See Materials List.)

Birch plywood is ideal for the wood backboard and support because its smooth, close grain takes stain and finish well. A 2 x 3-ft. piece is ample for your cutouts, with enough left over for the make-up mirror,

Cut the backboard (Fig. 3A), the bracket (Figs. 3B and 4) and bracket support (Fig. 3A, B) to sizes given. Sand all surfaces with 3-0 and 6-0 garnet papers, rounding all edges slightly. Remove base plates from fixtures to use as templates in position on backboard. Mark and bore small lead holes for screws %-in. deep. Locate and bore through panel the %6-in. line cord holes. Bore and countersink body holes for screws on the bracket support.

Next apply your choice of finish to the three wood parts. We used a walnut stain. spreading it on quickly and evenly. If plywood edges have an open grain or defects.

add wood filler and sand smooth before staining.

After setting about 10 minutes, wipe off excess stain, blend with a clean cloth and let dry thoroughly. Sand lightly with 6-0 paper and wipe clean. Then apply a thin coat of 5-lb. cut, white shellac thinned 50/50 with alcohol, let dry and sand lightly with

the fine paper. Follow with one or two coats of dull furniture varnish.

Attach fixture base plates to the backboard as in Fig. 3A and C. Run line cord from back of panel through one of the base plates and attach to leads of a fixture with solderless connectors as shown in Figs. 3D and 5A.

Mount fixture on baseboard with screws furnished. Run line cord straight across rear of baseboard through hole in the other base plate as in Fig. 3A and cut it, leaving enough length for connection to the other fixture. Then pass remaining long length of line cord through this hole from the rear. Join leads of the two line cords and the fixture with larger size solderless connectors as in Fig. 5B. Mount fixture

Attach plug to free end of line cord, insert



When installing mirror, make sure backboard is perfectly flat and clean. File down clamps to fit and screw down only enough to hold glass firmly. Too much pressure will crack the glass.

fluorescent tubes and test for performance. Fixtures should be wired so that convenience outlets are "live" at all times, with switches controlling the lights only.

Thread and shellac stud of suction cup to end of plywood bracket and fasten bracket to support strip as shown in Fig. 3B. Tack or screw in rubber knobs on bottom of baseboard and screw assembled bracket-strip to back of baseboard as in Figs. 3B and 6.

Have the mirror cut and smoothed to size at your local glass

store and attach with plastic clamps as in Figs. 3C and 7.

Your shaving mirror is ready for use when you wet the suction cup and press it firmly on the surface. For more permanent adhe-

sion, use glycerine.

Portable Make-Up Mirror. This much smaller
unit should have special appeal to the ladies.

It can be tilted at any angle on the dressing
table (Fig. 2) or, with base removed, hung
on a wall.

It uses a ceiling-type, fluorescent fixture equipped with 22-wat Circline warm-tone lamp (#FC12710-WWX) and G. E. rapidstart ballast, thus requiring no starter, our choice was an Arrow "Circlite" #CS32-RS with 12-in. diameter and an edge shaped to allow use of needed block pieces for side

MATERIALS LIST—PORTABLE MAKE-UP MIRROR Size and Description

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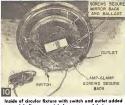
> pivots. Try hardware or electrical shops for this type, but if difficult to obtain, City Electrical Supply Co., 10 Union St., Malden 48, Mass., will send you fixture and lamp postpaid on receipt of a \$9.50 money order.

> Cut out cradle and base parts from ½-in. blirch plywood with a jig saw to dimensions as in Fig. 8A or modified to accommodate the fixture purchased. Sand each component in the same manner as described for the sharm of the control of the control of the and finish according to previous directions.

> shaving mirror stand, assemble as in Fig. 8A and finish according to previous directions. Glue felt strip along bottom of base. Make two pivot arms from half-hard aluminum as in Fig. 8B and recess flush into inside top edges of cradle. Bore very small

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To install the Circline, press wired plug of fixture onto lamp prongs; then gently force lamp over spring clomps.

lead holes into the plywood edge for accuracy of placement and to prevent splitting, then fasten pivot arms with screwheads flush.

Shape two small blocks from maple scrap as in Fig. 8C curved to fit fixture. Drill center hole and flanking, countersunk screw holes through each block as in Fig. 8C. Holding fixture with its knockout hole at bottom, place the blocks half way up each side to locate and drill center pivot and screw holes through the metal case. Remove blocks and coat with aluminum paint.

Shape two lock plates of 1/8-in, steel or brass as in Fig. 8D. Drill each for blockattaching screws and center pivot, cutting the latter with a No. 8-32 tap. When blocks are dry, fasten to frame as in Fig. 8E and 9A with screws passing through block, frame and lock plate, then tightened with nuts.

On one side of frame about 3 in. or 30° from knockout hole, locate canopy switch (Figs. 8F and 9B), drill a %-in. hole to receive its shank and install with lock nut, On opposite side the same distance from knockout, locate a pony outlet (Figs. 8G and 9C). Carefully scribe outline of its body, drill holes in each corner plus a few within the area and remove metal with a pair of diagonal-cutting pliers. Finish cut carefully with a small file to receive outlet snugly and attach with clamp furnished.

For better weight distribution in fixture,



Bock view shows oluminum well hanger.

relocate ballast at bottom as in Figs. 8H and 9D. Use it as a template to drill holes.

Remove screws securing 3 lamp clamps (Figs. 8I and 9E). Cut a circular piece of tempered hardboard for a back to fit rim recess, mark clamp screw holes and bore. Replace lamp clamps with longer screws as in Figs. 8I and 10. Screw nuts up tight to hold clamps, leaving long bolts extended.

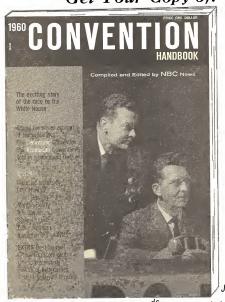
Before wiring, remove knockout in fixture. insert Bakelite bushing and secure it with a lock nut as shown in Figs. 8J, 9F and 10. Thread line cord through bushing and knot it to hold in place. Join cord to fixture leads with solderless connectors as shown in Fig. 9. wiring convenience outlet through the switch so that it is inoperative until lamp is turned on. Attach hardboard back to lamp clamp bolts with nuts.

From your local glass shop, procure the circular mirror as in Fig. 8K or modified to fit your fixture. Cut tempered hardboard to same diameter, center on face of fixture and mark for old and new ballast screw holes. If fixture has a raised center section in an otherwise flat surface, as indicated by dotted line in Fig. 8L, cut it out with tin snips and smooth any rough edges. Bore holes and secure hardboard as in Figs, 8M and 9G. Also secure the ballast with the two bottom screws and nuts.

Make three mirror clips from aluminum as in Fig. 8N to secure mirror to hardboard base. Apply cement such as Pliobond to the clips.

Make the two thumb screw pivots (Fig. 8E) by combining Bakelite thumb nuts from an old "B" battery with #8-32 screws. Squeeze end of screw thread lightly in vise so nut will thread on hard after applying cement. Cut off screw heads to length and attach fixture to cradle base. Attach Circline lamp to fixture as in Fig. 11.

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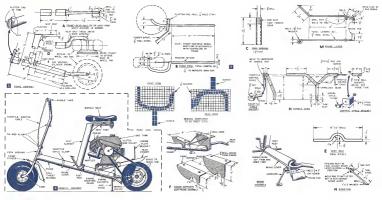
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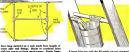
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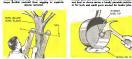
















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